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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Resolution No. 126 (46 Stat. 1481), approved March 2, 1931 (U.S.C., title 44, sec. 275B), authorizing the printing of the proceedings of the national encampments of certain veterans' organizations in the United States, be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That hereafter the proceedings of the national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World Wars, respectively, shall be printed annually, with accompanying illustrations, as separate House documents of the sessions of the Congress to which they may be submitted."

Approved September 18, 1941.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
Washington, DC, December 2, 1985.

Hon. THOMAS P. O'NEILL, Jr.,
The Speaker, House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Transmitted herewith are the proceedings of the stated convention of the 86th national encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Inc., held in Dubuque, Iowa, August 23 to 26, 1984 for printing in accordance with Public Law 249, 77th Congress, approved September 18, 1941.

Respectfully yours,

BEULAH M. COPE,
Adjutant General.

Samuel Leroy Mendel

COMMANDER IN CHIEF

AMALGAMATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE SPANISH WAR VETERANS, SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS AND SERVICEMEN OF THE SPANISH WAR

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
Indianapolis, IN, January 1, 1905.

The following is an official copy of the amalgamation agreement adopted the 18th day of April 1904, consolidating the National Association Spanish-American War Veterans, National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, and National Encampment Service Men of the Spanish War, into the United Spanish War Veterans, and is published for the information of the camps and comrades of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans.

WILLIAM E. ENGLISH,
Commander-in-Chief.
RUSSELL B. HARRISON,
Adjutant General.

AGREEMENT

The following provisions relative to the amalgamation of the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, National Association Spanish-American War Veterans, and the National Encampment Service Men of the Spanish War, proposed, accepted, and adopted, are hereby promulgated:

SECTION 1. The name of the organization created by the union of the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, National Association Spanish-American War Veterans, and the National Encampment Service Men of the Spanish War, hereby united in one fraternal, patriotic, and lasting organization shall be "United Spanish War Veterans."

SEC. 2. The official term for the officers for the National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, hereby selected, agreed upon, and installed in office shall be from April 18, 1904, to January 1, 1905.

SEC. 3. The following are selected as the first officers of the National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans and shall assume the duties of their respective offices April 18, 1904:

Commander in chief	Maj. Harold C. Megrew.
Senior vice commander in chief	Capt. William E. English.
junior vice commander in chief	Col. George M. Moulton.
Chief of staff	
Adjutant general	
Quartermaster general	
Inspector general	
Judge advocate	I. N. Kinney, Michigan.
Surgeon general	Frank N. Hendley, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. W. H. I. Reany, U.S. Navy.
Paymaster general	Lt. Col. Russell B. Harrison, Indiana.
Commissary general	Col. Thomas F. Lynch, New York.
Chief of engineers	Capt. Wilson I. Davenny, New York.
Chief signal officer	Maj. W. H. Davis, Pennsylvania.
Chief of ordnance	Col. Edward C. Young, Illinois.

Chief of artillery	Capt. David Davis, Illinois.
Chief mustering officer	Maj. Harry A. Hall, Pennsylvania.
Historian	S. R. J. Hoyt, Iowa.

Council of Administration

Senator Charles Dick.
Thomas F. Leyden.
S. D. C. Hays.
W. P. Dusenberry.
James H. Lloyd.
Ferdinand Koenig.
James McClintock.
John T. Hilton.
H.A.F. Young.
J. W. Carver.
C. J. Heintz.
G. N. Skipwith.
C. Leinbach.
Lt. Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr.
Harry F. Huber.
Wilder S. Metcalf.
I. L. Shulhafer.
William A. Lord.
Thomas F. O'Neil.
Gov. Winfield T. Durbin.
C. C. Mattis.
H. L. Warren.
J. L. King.
F. L. Averill.
M. J. Murphy.
Hamilton Ward, Jr.

The chief of staff, the adjutant general, the quartermaster general and the inspector general to be appointed as provided in section 5, article 5, rules and regulations. The duties of the officers herein named, and not otherwise provided, are such as may be assigned to them by the commander in chief.

Sec. 4. Comrade Harold C. Megrew, late commander in chief, National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans who by the terms of the union, is created first commander in chief of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, shall fill that office from April 18, 1904 to September 1, 1904, and to then be succeeded by the Senior vice commander in chief, Comrade William E. English, late commander in chief of the National Association Spanish-American War Veterans, who becomes the commander in chief, with the full perogatives of that office, and who holds said office until January 1, 1905, then to be succeeded by the commander in chief regularly elected at the First National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, to be held in September 1904, at a place and date to be determined by the commander in chief with the executive committee of the National Council of Administration, United Spanish War Veterans. Comrade George N. Moulton, late commander in chief of the Service Men of the Spanish War, herein named as the junior vice commander in chief, shall possess that office until September 1, 1904, when he shall succeed to the office of senior vice commander in chief, and be in turn succeeded in the office of junior commander in chief by Comrade Wili J. McKee, late Brigadier General, United States Volunteers.

Sec. 5. Should a vacancy occur at any time of commander in chief of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, the senior vice commander in chief thereof shall immediately succeed to the office vacated and become the commander in chief of the National Encampment, with all the authority, power, and rights thereof, to serve as such until January 1, 1905.

Sec. 6. Should a vacancy occur at any time in the office of senior vice commander in chief of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, the junior vice commander in chief thereof shall immediately succeed to the office vacated and become senior vice commander in chief of the National Encampment, with all the authority, power, and rights thereof, to serve as such until January 1, 1905.

Sec. 7. Should a vacancy occur at any time in the office of junior vice commander in chief of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, prior to September 1, 1904, the office shall be filled as provided for in section 4.

Sec. 8. Vacancies occurring in any of the other offices of the National Encampment prior to January 1, 1905, shall be filled by appointment by the commander in chief.

Sec. 9. It is hereby provided that comrades holding the office of commander in chief, senior and junior vice commander in chief, for any part of the time from April 18, 1904, to January 1, 1905, shall be past officers of these respective ranks, and have all the rights, benefits, privileges and rank as though they had served the full term of 1 year.

Sec. 10. All records, property, and other assets as per inventory of the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, National Association Spanish-American War Veterans, and National Encampment Service Men of the Spanish War shall become the property of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, and all debts and liabilities, as per schedule, of the three foregoing national organizations shall be assumed by the said National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans.

SEC. 11. All charters to be returned to the headquarters of the National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, for reissue, cost of same not to exceed $1.50. It is hereby provided that all members in good standing may be listed as charter members: *Provided, however,* That dishonorably discharged or suspended members, even though their names appear in the original charter, are not to be listed as charter members. This provision will apply to members who have not been regularly mustered.

SEC. 12. The badge and button of the United Spanish War Veterans shall be the badge and button heretofore in use by the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, except that the bar of said badge shall be so changed as to contain the word "United" and all buttons hereafter furnished shall contain the words "United Spanish War Veterans".

It is further provided that the uniforms now in use by the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans shall be the uniform of the United Spanish War Veterans.

SEC. 13. Past officers of the various associations hereby consolidated and united, whether national, departmental, or local, shall be entitled to and have in the United Spanish War Veterans all the rights, benefits, privileges, titles and honors belonging to a past officer of the same rank in said United Spanish War Veterans: *Provided, however,* That past ranks may only be held by comrades who have been elected or appointed to office and have qualified and held the same.

SEC. 14. It is hereby provided that when two or more organizations, here by united exist in one State, Territory, or possession, the organization therein having the largest membership, as shown by the records in the office of the adjutant general, National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, upon blanks furnished for that purpose, shall be regarded as the parent organization in said State, Territory, or possession, and its officers recognized in accordance therewith, and to serve as such until the first regular meeting of the department, United Spanish War Veterans in the State, Territory, or possession aforesaid.

SEC. 15. The titles of commanding officers of departments shall be department commander, senior and junior vice commanders.

SEC. 16. Camps shall be numbered by States, and those now in actual existence and active operations shall be given numbers in order of their original formation as former camps or commands in the organizations hereby united and consolidated.

SEC. 17. Local organizations shall be called camps; State organizations, departments; and the national organization national encampment.

SEC. 18. The commander in chief is hereby authorized and directed to take up, arrange, adjust, and settle all matters pertaining to amalgamation not herein provided for.

SEC. 19. The official call for the First National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans shall be issued by the commander in chief at least 30 days prior to the convening of said encampment, and all representatives thereto shall be selected in conformity therewith.

SEC. 20. In order that the work of the various camps and commands may proceed without interruption, the rituals now in their possession may be used. All rituals hereafter furnished from national headquarters shall be the ritual of the United Spanish War Veterans.

SEC. 21. The constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans, copy of which is hereto attached, is hereby agreed to, adopted, and promulgated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto attached our official signatures this 18th day of April 1904.

HAROLD C. MEGREW,
Commander in Chief, Spanish War Veterans.
WM. E. ENGLISH,
Commander in Chief, Spanish-American War Veterans.
GEO. M. MOULTON,
Commander in Chief, Service Men of the Spanish War.

Approved:
Committee on Amalgamation, Spanish War Veterans—
MAJ. GEN. J. WARREN KEIFER,
Past Commander in Chief.
LT. GEN. NELSON A. MILES,
Past Commander in Chief.

Maj. M. Emmet Urell,
Past Commander in Chief.
Maj. Harold C. Megrew,
Commander in Chief.
Capt. Champe S. Andrews,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.
Lt. Col. Lucien F. Burpee,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Approved:
Committee on Amalgamation, Spanish-American War Veterans—
Gen. Willis J. Hulings,
Past Commander in Chief.
Col. James B. Coryell,
Past Commander in Chief.
Col. D. Jack Foster,
Past Commander in Chief.
Capt. Wm. E. English,
Commander in Chief.

Approved:
Committee on Amalgamation, Service Men of the Spanish War—
Gen. John A. Wiley,
Past Commander in Chief.
Col. George M. Moulton,
Commander in Chief.
Col. Edward C. Young,
Maj. Lawrence M. Ennis,
Capt. Wilson I. Davenny,
Martin Scherer, Jr.

AMALGAMATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS AND THE LEGION OF SPANISH WAR VETERANS

The following agreement entered into between the United Spanish War Veterans and the Legion of Spanish War Veterans is hereby proposed, accepted, adopted, and promulgated:

1. Camps of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans of the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire shall forthwith become camps of the Departments of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, respectively of the United Spanish War Veterans with all the privileges, duties, and obligations incident thereto, excepting that no per capita tax for department or national organization shall be levied against them until after the filing of semiannual reports due June 30, 1907.

2. Charters shall be issued to said camps by the national headquarters, United Spanish War Veterans; upon the payment of a charter fee of $5, and all members in good standing may be listed as charter members as camps may direct. Said camps shall be entitled to retain their present names.

3. A commission shall be appointed by the commanders in chief of the respective organizations consisting of a comrade of the United Spanish War Veterans and the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, who shall within 1 year renumber the camps of both organizations in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire in the order of the date of their original charter.

4. All charters to be issued under this agreement are to be dated as of the date of the amalgamation and numbered consecutively in the order of the date of the original charters as reported by the commission: *Provided, however,* That each charter shall have engrossed thereon the date of the original charter and that no charge shall be made against the present camps of the United Spanish War Veterans for the reengrossing of their charters.

5. It is hereby provided that when the Legion of Spanish War Veterans and the United Spanish War Veterans become united by the signing of this agreement, the organization in Massachusetts having the largest membership as shown by such record as the adjutant general of the United Spanish War Veterans may require shall be regarded as the parent organization in Massachusetts and its officers recognized in accordance therewith and to serve as such until the department commander is elected and qualified to serve.

6. Past officers and present officers of both the United Spanish War Veterans and the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, whether national, departmental, or local, in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, shall be entitled to and have in the United Spanish War Veterans all the rights, benefits, privileges, and honor and titles belonging to past officers of the same rank of the United Spanish War Veterans: *Provided, however,* That past rank may only be held by comrades who have been regularly elected or appointed to office and have qualified and held the same.

7. That the commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans shall, within 60 days from the date thereof, arrange for date and place and issue a call for a department encampment, to which encampment the camps of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of Massachusetts shall be entitled to elect delegates and alternates to said department encampment; 1 delegate and 1 alternate to be chosen for every 50 members or a major fraction thereof.

And likewise, the camps of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans in the State of New Hampshire, upon the issuance of a call for the department encampment, be entitled to elect delegates to said department encampment, and for the purpose of facilitating the organization of said Department of New Hampshire, H. R. Bailey, of Nashua, is hereby designated as provisional department commander for the State of New Hampshire.

8. Until such time as the camps of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, now uniformed, shall by a majority vote of said camps vote to purchase new uniforms, said comrades of said camps shall be entitled to wear the present uniform of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans.

9. All records, property and other assets of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans and the respective camps of said organization shall remain as the property and assets of the said Legion of Spanish War Veterans and said camps, and all debts and liabilities therefore contracted by said Legion of Spanish War Veterans and said camps thereof and not be a charge or claim against the National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans.

10. Rosters of all the camps of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and the names and dates of appointments in service of all of the officers of the national encampment of said Legion of Spanish War Veterans shall be furnished to the headquarters of the United Spanish War Veterans.

11. In order that the work of the various camps and commands may proceed without interruption the rituals now in their possession may be used until the ritual and book of ceremonies of the United Spanish War Veterans can be supplied: *Provided, however,* That all rituals hereafter furnished shall be the rituals of the United Spanish War Veterans, and the constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans as hereby agreed to be adopted and promulgated.

12. The commanders in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans and of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans are hereby directed to take up, arrange, adjust and settle all matters pertaining to the carrying out of this agreement and to adjust and settle all matters herein provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto attached our official signatures this 9th day of October 1906, at Washington, D.C.

THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
By CHARLES R. MILLER, *Commander in Chief.*
THE LEGION OF SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
By FREDERICK A. WALKER, *Commander in Chief.*

AMALGAMATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS AND THE VETERAN ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES

1. It is understood and agreed that each member of the Veteran Army of the Philippines is eligible to affiliate with the United Spanish War Veterans and that the posts of the Veteran Army of the Philippines in the Philippine Islands shall, upon ratification of this agreement, forthwith, become camps of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines of the United Spanish War Veterans, with all the privileges, duties, and obligations incident thereto.

2. Upon consolidation the Veteran Army of the Philippines shall be known as the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines of the United Spanish War Veterans.

3. Charters shall be issued and the usual books furnished to said camps by the national headquarters, United Spanish War Veterans, upon the payment of a charter fee of $5, and all members in good standing may be listed as charter members of their respective camps. Said camps shall be entitled to retain their present names.

4. All charters to be issued under this agreement are to be dated as of the date of the amalgamation and number consecutively in the order of the date of the original charters in the Veteran Army of the Philippines as approved by the department commander of that organization: *Provided, however,* That each charter shall have engrossed thereon the date of said original charter in the said Veteran Army of the Philippines.

5. Camps of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines will be exempt from payment of per capita tax on members until July 1, 1909, when their first semiannual per capita tax will be payable in advance to the amount of 12½ cents on each member in good standing.

6. Past commanders in chief to and including Daniel Maloney, the present commander in chief of the Veteran Army of the Philippines, shall be entitled to, and have, in the United Spanish War Veterans all the rights, benefits, privileges, honors, and titles belonging to past commanders in chief of the United Spanish War veterans: *Provided, however,* That such past rank may be held only by comrades who have been regularly elected or appointed and qualified to office, the same having been done heretofore in other amalgamated agreements with the various organizations now constituting the United Spanish War Veterans.

7. All other officers past and present, of the Veteran Army of the Philippines will be entitled to and have in the United Spanish War Veterans all rights, benefits, privileges, honors, and title belonging to past officers of the same or equivalent rank of the United Spanish War Veterans: *Provided, however,* That such past rank may be held only by comrades who have been regularly elected or appointed and qualified to office, the same having been done heretofore in other amalgamation agreements, with the various organizations now constituting the United Spanish War Veterans.

8. The convention of the Veteran Army of the Philippines immediately after ratification of this agreement shall furnish the national headquarters of the United Spanish War Veterans a list of their past national and camp commanders who are to receive past rank as set forth in paragraphs 6 and 7.

9. The commander of the Veteran Army of the Philippines elected at the annual convention of 1908 shall upon amalgamation continue in office as the commander of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines of the United Spanish War Veterans until their next regular department encampment.

10. Owing to the peculiar climatic conditions existing in the Philippine Islands the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines shall be authorized to have their uniform made of such material and such color as they may decide upon at their department encampment: *Provided,* That the buttons and insignia shall conform to the regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans.

11. All records, property, assets, and liabilities of the Veteran Army of the Philippines and the respective posts of said organization shall be considered as the proper-

ty, assets and liabilities of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines of the United Spanish War Veterans and the camps composing same.

12. Rosters of all the posts of the Veteran Army of the Philippines in the Philippine Islands and the names and dates of appointment in service of all officers of the national convention of said Veteran Army of the Philippines, shall be furnished to the headquarters of the United Spanish War Veterans.

13. In order that the work of the various camps may proceed without interruption, the Veteran Army of the Philippines rituals, now in their possession may be used until the rituals and books of ceremonies of the United Spanish War Veterans can be supplied: *Provided, however,* That all rituals hereafter furnished shall be the rituals of the United Spanish War Veterans, and the constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans are hereby agreed to, adopted, and promulgated. The comrades of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines shall be permitted to keep and wear the special insignia of the Army of the Philippines in addition to the prescribed insignia of the United Spanish War Veterans.

14. The commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans and the commander of the Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines are hereby directed and authorized to take up, arrange and adjust and settle all matters pertaining to the carrying out of this agreement not herein provided.

15. This agreement to be effective immediately upon ratification by both organizations, and the sending by either organization to the other, by cable, of the word "ratified" will be considered as notification of the ratification of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto attached our official signatures this 8th day of May 1908, at Washington, D.C.

For the United Spanish War Veterans

WALTER S. HALE.

Witnesses:
A.C.C. CARSON, V.A.P.
LUKE E. WRIGHT.

For the Veteran Army of the Philippines

H. H. BANDHOLTZ.

Witnesses:
J. J. LIGON KING, U.S.W.V.
GEORGE CURRY, V.A.P.

FEDERAL INCORPORATION OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

(Public Law 473—76th Congress)

[H.R. 8238]

AN ACT Providing for the incorporation of the United Spanish War Veterans

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the organization known as the United Spanish War Veterans with a membership limited to officers, soldiers, and sailors of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States of America, including acting assistant surgeons, contract doctors, dentists, veterinary surgeons, officers, and enlisted men in the United States Revenue Cutter Service on vessels temporarily under the control of the War or Navy Department, commissioned medical officers of the United States Marine Hospital Service, officers and enlisted men in the Philippine Scouts and other organizations of native troops maintained by the War Department in the Philippine Islands, paymaster clerks actually on duty in the field or aboard ship who served at any time during the War between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain, or at any time during the War for the Suppression of the Insurrection in the Philippine Islands, including the China Relief Expedition, prior to July 4, 1902, and who either have been honorably discharged from the service or still continue in the same and women who served honorably under contract or by appointment as Army nurses, chief nurses, or superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps at any time between April 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902, is hereby created a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia, by the name of "United Spanish War Veterans" by which name it shall be a person in law, capable of suing and being sued, and of having and exercising all incidental powers as a litigant or otherwise as if it were a natural person, with power to acquire by special purchase, gift, devise, or bequest, and to hold, convey, or otherwise dispose of property, real or personal, as may be necessary to carry into effect the patriotic, fraternal, and charitable purposes of its organization, and to use in carrying out the purposes of the corporation such emblems and badges as it may heretofore or may hereafter adopt, and generally to do any and all such acts and things as may be necessary and proper in carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation.

Sec. 2. The object and purposes of this corporation shall be to perpetuate the name of United Spanish War Veterans and to preserve in corporate form said organization as now and heretofore maintained and conducted, and to thus provide and continue an agency and instrumentality through and by which its members, for and during the remainder of their natural lives, unite in the fraternal bonds of comradeship; perpetuate the memories of the War with Spain and the campaigns incident thereto; promote peace and good will at home and among all nations; encourage an adequate national defense and protect and preserve our institution of government. The corporation shall not at any time engage in any business for pecuniary profit and gain.

Sec. 3. The principal office of the corporation shall be kept and maintained in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, but annual and other meetings of its governing body and members may be held in any State of the Union, and the corporation shall have the power to possess and hold property needful or desirable for its objects and purposes anywhere in the United States or any of its Territories or dependencies consistently with the provisions of local laws pertaining thereto.

Sec. 4. The supreme governing and controlling authority in said organization shall be the national encampment thereof, composed of representatives from the several department encampments as are now or may thereafter be organized: *Provided,* That there shall never be any change in the plan of organization of said national encampment that shall materially change its present representative form of government or render possible the concentration of the control thereof in the hands of a limited number or in a self-perpetuating body not representative of the membership at large.

SEC. 5. The qualifications for membership in said organization, except as they are limited by the provisions in section 1 of this Act, and the rights and privileges of the members thereon shall be such as are fixed by the constitution and rules and regulations heretofore or hereafter adopted by said national encampment.

SEC. 6. The activities of said corporation shall be exercised through and by the following agencies in accordance with the constitution and rules and regulations now in force or such as may be hereafter enacted by the national encampment thereof, namely:

First. Through the national encampment, its officers, and committees.

Second. Through such department encampments as may have been heretofore or may be hereafter organized, their officers, and committees.

Third. Through such camps as may have been heretofore or may be hereafter organized, their officers, and committees.

Fourth. Through such auxiliary organizations by whatever name or designation as have heretofore or may hereafter be authorized by the National Encampment.

Such department encampments and auxiliary organizations shall be subject and subordinate in authority to the national encampment, and such camps shall be also subject to such control exercised through the department encampment and department officers of the particular department to which it belongs.

SEC. 7. Said corporation and its State and local subdivisions shall have the sole and exclusive rights to have and to use in carrying out its purposes the name "United Spanish War Veterans."

SEC. 8. The corporate existence of United Spanish War Veterans and the exclusive rights of its surviving members to wear the insignia of membership therein shall terminate only when the last of its members dies: *Provided, however,* That, if, at any national encampment hereafter held, a memorial shall be adopted by the vote of three-fourths of the members present reciting that because of the decrease in its membership or because of the age and infirmity of its surviving members, it no longer is advisable and practicable to hold future annual national encampments, such action shall not operate to deprive said organization of any of its corporate powers; but the government thereof may be modified to provide for such contingency subject to the restrictions contained in section 3 of this Act: *Provided further,* That nothing in this Act shall in any manner affect the right or the power of such camps or department in its own name nor affect the right of such camps or departments to organize corporations under State laws for the purposes of caring for and disposing of such property.

SEC. 9. The national encampment may, by resolution, provide for the disposition and future ownership of its property and archives, and may declare the event in which such disposition shall become effective and such ownership of its property and archives, and may declare the event in which such disposition shall become effective and such ownership vested, and a duly authenticated copy of such resolutions shall be filed in the office of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Upon the happening of the event thus declared, and upon the filing of a petition in said supreme court reciting the facts, said court shall take jurisdiction thereof and, upon due proof being made, the court shall enter a decree which shall be effectual to vest title and ownership in accordance with the provisions of such resolution.

Approved by the President of the United States Franklin D. Roosevelt, April 22, 1940.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF
and
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

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PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Term served	Name	Department	Elected in
1904	Harold C. Megrew[1]*	Indiana	Indianapolis, Ind.
1904–05	William E. English[2]*	do	St. Louis, Mo.
1906	Charles R. Miller[3]*	Ohio	Milwaukee, Wis.
1907	Hamilton Ward[4]*	New York	Washington, D.C.
1907–08	Walter S. Hale*	California	Sandusky, Ohio.
1908–09	Charles W. Newton*	Connecticut	Boston, Mass.
1909–10	Edward J. Gihon*	Massachusetts	Tacoma, Wash.
1910–11	Joseph R. H. Jacoby*	Washington-Alaska	Denver, Colo.
1911–12	Maurice Simmons*	New York	Oklahoma City, Okla.
1912–13	Oscar T. Taylor*	Pennsylvania	Atlantic City, N.J.
1913–14	John Lewis Smith*	District of Columbia	Buffalo, N.Y.
1914–15	Charles F. Cramer*	Ohio	Louisville, Ky.
1915–16	Leonidas C. Dyer*	Missouri	Scranton, Pa.
1916–17	Daniel W. Chisholm*	District of Columbia	Chicago, Ill.
1917–18	Henry W. Busch*	Michigan	Cleveland, Ohio.
1918	Carl Van Dyke[5]*	Minnesota	Baltimore, Md.
1918–19	William Jones[6]*	New York	(See note.)
1919–20	William Jones*	do	San Francisco, Calif.
1920–21	John K. Witherspoon*	Washington-Alaska	St. Louis, Mo.
1921–22	Oscar E. Carlstrom*	Illinois	Minneapolis, Minn.
1922–23	Antonio P. Entenza*	Michigan	Los Angeles, Calif.
1923–24	Albert D. Alcorn*	Ohio	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1924–25	Chauncey W. Herrick*	New York	Michigan City, Ind.
1925–26	Carmi A. Thompson*	Ohio	St. Petersburg, Fla.
1926–27	Rice W. Means*	Colorado and Wyoming	Des Moines, Iowa.
1927–28	John J. Garrity*	Illinois	Detroit, Mich.
1928–29	William L. Grayson*	Georgia	Havana, Cuba.
1929–30	Fred W. Green*	Michigan	Denver, Colo.
1930–31	Edward S. Mathias*	Ohio	Philadelphia, Pa.
1931–32	George R. Lunn*	New York	New Orleans, La.
1932–33	William J. Otjen*	Oklahoma	Milwaukee, Wis.
1933–34	Wm. H. Armstrong*	Wisconsin	Los Angeles, Calif.
1934–35	Leon McCord*	Alabama	Pittsburgh, Pa.
1935–36	Robert S. Cain*	Pennsylvania	San Antonio, Tex.
1936–37	Scott Leavitt*	Montana	Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
1937–38	Alfred J. Kennedy*	New York	Columbus, Ohio.
1938–39	Thomas W. Payne*	Michigan	Portland, Oreg.
1939–40	George A. Eberly*	Nebraska	Atlantic City, N.J.
1940–41	Rufus E. Foster*	Louisiana	Detroit, Mich.
1941–42	Joe R. Haney*	New York	Omaha, Nebr.
1942–43	Cornelius S. Kelly*	Illinois	Cleveland, Ohio.
1943–44	Guy A. Boyle*	Indiana	Boston, Mass.
1944–45	R. Morgan Galbreth*	California	Cincinnati, Ohio.
1945–46	Halsey B. Levitt*	North Carolina	Denver, Colo.
1946–47	John White*	Texas	Milwaukee, Wis.
1947–48	H. M. Havner*	Iowa	Kansas City, Mo.
1948–49	Charles R. Barefoot*	Ohio	Washington, D.C.
1949–50	Henry H. Hunt*	Connecticut	Tampa, Fla.
1950–51	Harry E. Williams*	Oregon	Atlantic, City, N.J.
1951–52	Chas. Wm. Bernhardt*	Georgia	Grand Rapids, Mich.
1952–53	Dan S. Hewitt*	California	Louisville, Ky.
1953–54	John U. Shroyer*	Pennsylvania	Cleveland, Ohio.
1954–55	Lloyd Thurston*	Iowa	San Antonio, Tex.
1955–56	Jas. H. Johnson*	New Hampshire	Long Beach, Calif.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Term served	Name	Department	Elected in
1956–57	W. D. Rogers*	Kentucky	Louisville, Ky.
1957–58	Orris E. Jackson*	California	Little Rock, Ark.
1958–59	Thomas H. Hammond*	Rhode Island	Louisville, Ky.
1959–60	W. Ross Duke [7]*	Texas	Miami, Fla.
1960	S. C. Hutchinson [8]*	Virginia	(See note.)
1960–61	Charles E. M. Howard*	Florida	Milwaukee, Wis.
1961–62	Homer Dwiggins*	South Dakota	Little Rock, Ark.
1962–63	Morris G. Osterreich*	Wisconsin	Peoria, Ill.
1963–64	Archie J. House*	Michigan	Lansing, Mich.
1964–65	Sam Black*	Illinois	Louisville, Ky.
1965–66	Harry H. Hoover*	Minnesota	Little Rock, Ark.
1966–67	Clay Everhard*	Texas	Lansing, Mich.
1967–68	Fred D. Shadell*	New Jersey	San Antonio, Tex.
1968–69	William R. Fletcher*	Washington and Alaska	Asbury Park, N.J.
1969–70	Edmund L. Wescott*	Wisconsin	San Diego, Calif.
1970–71	Joseph J. McNamara*	Massachusetts	Memphis, Tenn.
1971–72	George A. Critchett*	California	Hartford, Conn.
1972–73	Elmer G. Thomas*	Utah	Portland, Ore.
1973–74	Earl F. McCullough [9]*	Idaho	New Orleans, La.
1974–75	Charles A. Focht [10]*	Pennsylvania	(See note.)
1974–75	Charles A. Focht*	do	Philadelphia, Pa.
1975–76	Cleo G. Brown*	Indiana	Indianapolis, Ind.
1976–77	Frederick J. Meyer*	New York	Madison, Wisc.
1977–78	Charles A. Bunel*	Connecticut	Rochester, N.Y.
1978–79	S. Leroy Mendel	Illinois	Des Moines, Iowa.
1979–80	Edwin L. Bernard [11]*	Louisiana	Indianapolis, Ind.
1979–80	Herman Miller [12]*	California	(See note.)
1980–81	Cleo G. Brown*	Indiana	Anaheim, Calif.
1981–82	Harry B. Embree	Kansas	Kansas City, Mo.
1982–83	S. Leroy Mendel	Illinois	Louisville, Ky.
1983–84	S. Leroy Mendel	do	Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

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[1] Served from Apr. 18 to Aug. 31, 1904.

[2] Served from Sept. 1, 1904 to Dec. 31, 1905.

[3] Served from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1906.

[4] Served from Jan. 1 to Sept. 11, 1907 after which time the term of the commander in chief began with the date of the national encampment and expired when his successor was elected at the next encampment.

[5] Died in office, succeeded by Senior Vice Commander in Chief William Jones.

[6] Advanced to commander in chief May 20, 1919, vice Carl Van Dyke deceased.

[7] Died in office, succeeded by Senior Vice Commander In Chief S. C. Hutchinson.

[8] Advanced to commander in chief Jan. 26, 1960, vice W. R. Duke, deceased.

[9] Died in office, succeeded by Senior Vice Commander in Chief Charles A. Focht.

[10] Advanced to Commander in Chief May 3, 1974, vice Earl F. McCullough, deceased.

[11] Died in office, succeeded by Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Herman Miller.

[12] Advanced to Commander in Chief Sept. 26, 1979, vice Edwin L. Bernard, deceased.

*Deceased.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF OF ORGANIZATIONS AMALGAMATED INTO UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

(Organized September 8, 9, 1899, at first annual reunion of Spanish-American War Survivors)

SPANISH WAR VETERANS

J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, Ohio (deceased).
Nelson A. Miles, Washington, D.C. (deceased).
William H. Hubbell, Brooklyn, N.Y. (deceased).
M. Emmet Urell, Washington, D.C. (deceased).

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS

Willis J. Hulings, Oil City, Pa. (deceased).
James C. Coryell, Philadelphia, Pa. (deceased).
D. Jack Foster, Chicago, Ill. (deceased).
Thomas F. Lynch, New York, N.Y. (deceased).

SERVICE MEN OF THE SPANISH WAR

Robert W. Leonard, New York, N.Y. (deceased).
John A. Wiley, Franklin, Pa. (deceased).
George M. Moulton, Chicago, Ill. (deceased).

LEGION OF SPANISH WAR VETERANS

William P. Kenibbs, Boston, Mass. (deceased).
Thomas L. Hayes, Boston, Mass. (deceased).
George H. Manks, Dorchester, Mass. (deceased).
Paul R. Hawkins, Springfield, Mass. (deceased).
George F. H. Murray, Boston, Mass. (deceased).
Thomas F. Clark, Boston, Mass. (deceased).
Willis W. Stover, Boston, Mass. (deceased).
Fred A. Walker, Chicago, Ill. (deceased).

VETERAN ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES

B. H. McCoy, Manila, Philippine Islands (deceased).
A. E. McCabe, Manila, Philippine Islands (deceased).
A. S. Crossfield, Manila, Philippine Islands (deceased).
L. A. Dorrington, Manila, Philippine Islands (deceased).
Joseph N. Wolfson, Manila, Philippine Islands (deceased).
W. H. Bishop, Manila, Philippine Islands (dropped).
H. H. Bandholtz, Manila, Philippine Islands (deceased).
D. F. Maloney, Manila, Philippine Islands (dropped).

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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

(Note.—As published in G.O. No. 4, series 1958-59, the deceased past department commanders will no longer be published in the proceedings due to the increasing number of deaths, and the length of each Department's list; however the record of any past department commanders may be secured at any time upon request to National Headquarters.)

DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA

(Instituted Jan. 29, 1922, disbanded Mar. 19, 1975 by S.O. No. 27)

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

(Originally instituted Apr. 18, 1904, disbanded, reorganized Apr. 19, 1923; disbanded Dec. 28, 1979 by S.O. No. 10)

DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

(Instituted Jan. 19, 1924; disbanded Nov. 23, 1974 by S.O. No. 9)

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

(Instituted Apr. 18, 1904)

1982-84	Christian P. Steinle, Santa Monica

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO

(Originally organized Aug. 13, 1908, consolidated into Department of Colorado and Wyoming in 1919; disbanded and Department of Colorado reorganized by S.O. No. 83, Jan. 6, 1933; disbanded Aug. 30, 1971 by S.O. No. 66)

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

(Originally organized Aug. 4, 1902; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904; disbanded July 28, 1980 by S.O. No. 37)

DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

(Originally organized May 15, 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904; disbanded Sept. 8, 1976 by S.O. No. 34)

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

(Instituted Aug. 14, 1911)

1970-72	Wilson Dawson, Lake Worth
1974-75	Wilson Dawson, Lake Worth
1976-84	Wilson Dawson, Lake Worth

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

(Instituted Nov. 30, 1922; disbanded June 25, 1984 by S.O. No. 2)

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

(Instituted Apr. 7, 1927; disbanded Sept. 7, 1976 by S.O. No. 33)

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

(Originally organized in 1901; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904)

1962-63	S. Leroy Mendel, Galva
1968-69	S. Leroy Mendel, Galva
1970-84	S. Leroy Mendel, Galva

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

(Originally instituted in 1900; Instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904; disbanded Mar. 28, 1983 by S.O. No. 8)

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

(Instituted June 1, 1905)

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

(Instituted Nov. 4, 1905; disbanded Oct. 31, 1971 by S.O. No. 5)

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

(Originally organized July 5, 1902; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904; disbanded 1919; reorganized May 13, 1924)

1958-59 .... Hickory E. Grace, Middlesboro
1967-69 .... Hickory E. Grace, Middlesboro
1977-84 .... Hickory E. Grace, Middlesboro

DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA

(Instituted Dec. 15, 1923; disbanded July 17, 1960 by S.O. No. 30)

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

(Instituted Dec. 20, 1919; disbanded Feb. 17, 1960 by S.O. No. 28)

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

(Originally organized May 9, 1899 as Legion of Spanish War Veterans; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Oct. 9, 1906)

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

(Originally organized in 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904)

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

(Originally organized in 1903; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904; disbanded Aug. 18, 1981 by S.O. No. 12)

DEPARTMENT OF MISSISSIPPI

(Instituted Feb. 2, 1924; disbanded June 10, 1971 by S.O. No. 50)

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

(Instituted Aug. 18, 1905; disbanded Mar. 28, 1983 by S.O. No. 5)

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA

(Originally organized June 9, 1902; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904)

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

(Instituted in 1909; disbanded Aug. 8, 1984 by S.O. No. 10)

DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA

(Originally organized Aug. 10, 1909; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans, Aug. 17, 1935; disbanded Jan. 19, 1971 by S.O. No. 24)

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(Instituted July 14, 1907; disbanded Aug. 15, 1969 by S.O. No. 45)

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

(Originally organized Nov. 28, 1899; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904)

1978-84 .... John T. Fitzgerald, Toms River

DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO

(Instituted Apr. 21, 1930; disbanded June 30, 1971 by S.O. No. 56)

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

(Originally organized 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Aug. 16, 1904)

1982-84 .... Ralph W. Taylor, Lynbrook

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA

(Instituted Feb. 27, 1924; disbanded Jan. 26, 1979 by S.O. No. 3)

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

(Instituted July 27, 1931; disbanded June 16, 1966 by S.O. No. 72)

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

(Originally organized 1899; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904)

1981-84 .... Harry J. Chaloner, Cleveland

DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA

(Instituted Dec. 4, 1905)

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

(Instituted Dec. 1, 1909; disbanded Aug. 8, 1984 by S.O. No. 7)

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

(Originally organized 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Aug. 18, 1904)

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES

(Amalgamated May 18, 1908; disbanded Aug. 15, 1969 by S.O. No. 46)

DEPARTMENT OF THE POTOMAC

(1900-1910 Department of Virginia; instituted as Department of the Potomac Apr. 30, 1910; disbanded July 28, 1980 by S.O. No. 35)

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

(Originally organized Feb. 12, 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904; disbanded Mar. 18, 1971 by S.O. No. 30)

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Instituted Oct. 26, 1922; disbanded Aug. 8, 1984 by S.O. No. 5)

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

(Instituted July 5, 1925; disbanded Dec. 28, 1976 by S.O. No. 9)

DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE

(Original institution date unknown; disbanded Apr. 24, 1913; reorganized March 10, 1923; disbanded Aug. 9, 1977 by S.O. No. 34)

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

(Instituted in 1909; disbanded; reorganized Jan. 26, 1924; disbanded Aug. 16, 1982 by S.O. No. 11)

DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

(Instituted in 1906; disbanded 1916; reorganized July 27, 1929; disbanded July 28, 1980 by S.O. No. 39)

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

(Instituted June 11, 1909; disbanded June 4, 1980 by S.O. No. 28)

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

(Originally organized 1902; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904; consolidated as Department of Washington and Alaska by S.O. No. 55, Series 1909-10; G.O. No. 3 Feb. 28, 1910)

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

(February 28, 1910)

1979-84 .... Purl A. Mulkey, Woodland

DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

(Originally organized 1900; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans July 19, 1924; disbanded June 4, 1980 by S.O. No. 27)

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

(Originally organized 1902; instituted as United Spanish War Veterans Apr. 18, 1904; disbanded Mar. 28, 1983 by S.O. No. 4)

DEPARTMENT OF WYOMING

(Organized in 1919 as Department of Colorado and Wyoming; disbanded by S.O. No. 82, Jan. 6, 1933; organized as Department of Wyoming, Jan. 6, 1933; by S.O. No. 84; disbanded May 9, 1978 by S.O. No. 27)

ROLL OF THE 86TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

National Officers

Commander in Chief	S. Leroy Mendel

Past Commander in Chief

Past Commander in Chief	Harry B. Embree

Executive Council

Acting Commander in Chief	Joseph Arnold Lapan
Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief	Robert E. Shakespeare
Adjutant General	Beulah M. Cope
Acting National Patriotic Instructor	H. Ruth Syler
Acting National Historian	Catherine E. Stieger

Acting Department Commanders

California	Ruth M. Adamson
Massachusetts	Walter D. Clisbee
New York	Lawrence B. Stretz
Pennsylvania	Anne N. Garber

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JOINT SESSION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday morning—August 24, 1984

The 86th National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans met in Joint Session with its affiliated organizations in the Shot Tower-Town Clock rooms of the Dubuque Inn, Dubuque, Iowa at 9:00 a.m. with National Encampment chairman Catherine E. Stieger presiding. Assembly played by Anne K. Garber, National Auxiliary Musician, called the meeting to order.

Chairman **STIEGER**. It is my happy privilege to be with you this morning and to welcome you to this, the 86th annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans. Brother Shakespeare. Will you bring in the Commander in Chief.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **SHAKESPEARE**. Madam Encampment Chairman, it is a great honor and privilege to present to you the commander in chief, United Spanish War Veterans, S. Leroy Mendel.

Chairman **STIEGER**. Brother Robert, will you bring the commander in chief to this station, please. [Applause.] It is my happy privilege to present to you our Commander in Chief, S. Leroy Mendel. You will observe the station and with me salute. [All salute.]

Chairman **STIEGER**. Provost Marshal and color guards: Advance the colors.

[Whereupon accompanied by music, Provost Marshal Ronald C. Pratt and color guards, William Backus and Joseph A. Lapan advanced the colors.]

Chairman **STIEGER**. We will repeat the Pledge to the Flag in unison.

The **MEMBERSHIP**. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Chairman **STIEGER**. We will have the National Anthem by Leone K. Helding, National Auxiliary Soloist.

[Leone K. Helding sang the National Anthem.]

Chairman **STIEGER**. We will have the invocation by Acting Chaplain in Chief Lawrence B. Stretz.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **STRETZ**. We will bow our heads. Almighty God! We are gathered together to hold our annual encampment and convention. Guide us in our deliberations so that our decisions result in the betterment of the organization. Give us a strong faith: strengthen our relationships with you, Oh Lord, and keep us on the right path, Give us the grace to strengthen our allegiance to our beloved country, We pledge ourselves to fraternal charity and ask for your blessings on each one of us. Amen.

Chairman **STIEGER**. We will now have welcoming remarks by our Past National Auxiliary President Evelyn Fischer.

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Auxiliary Chairman **Evelyn Fischer**. Commander in Chief Mendel, National President Ruth Knoll, President of the Sons, Jack A. Dempsey and National Fort Captain Phipps, distinguished guests and auxiliary members. Welcome to Iowa. I hope you have enjoyed the convention so far, the tour, the receptions, the dinners. Our Department President and City Chairman Vaughn Radebaugh has worked hard to complete the plans for this convention. Vaughn please stand (Applause). I am doubly grateful because I live 200 miles. A four hour drive each way didn't permit me to come to Dubuque as many times as I should have, nor time to help Vaughn. A special thank you to all who came to Dubuque. I realize you had a problem getting here. Iowa has maintained for a long time, you can't get from here to there unless you drive. There are buses but their schedule is such that it is a hassel to travel in Iowa. They wonder why our organization is scattered all over the state but the folks from Council Bluffs and Sioux City on the Western border, if they come by bus, they have to come the day before and stay a day over before they can get home, so you can't just get from here to there without driving. We do hope that everyone will enjoy the rest of the convention. Have a safe journey home and think kindly of Iowa even if you did have a hard time getting to Dubuque. Thank you.

Chairman **Stieger**. I think I am going to ask at this time that we have Sister Vaughn Radebaugh and her committee. There are Vaughn, Nan Thomas and Betty Jung.

Vaughn Radebaugh. I didn't know I was this important. Betty Jung would you like to stand. This is my co-chairman and Nan Thomas. We've worked hard and I hope you will enjoy it. Bear with me if I make too many mistakes.

Edith Fischer. I too would like to add my words of welcome and it is a four hour drive from home over here so we burned up the telephone lines between Webster City and Dubuque. I didn't notice too many of them out along the way over. They have gotten them repaired someway. I do want to thank Vaughn for getting all the information I needed and helping me out in any way she could. I hope you will enjoy your stay here.

Chairman **Stieger**. May I say at this time, I personally thank you for the efforts that have been made. I know it is a lot of work for the Convention City Chairmen. We don't have too much that we can go by. I want to thank you very much. Thank you all.

I am going to ask you to stay seated. These are our national officers: Commander in Chief, S. Leroy Mendel. The National President, Ruth Knoll. The National President of the Sons, Jack A. Dempsey. The National Fort Captain unfortunately could not be here. She is in the hospital recovering from a broken hip. I'm very sorry but in her place, I'll introduce the National First Lieutenant, the Daughters of '98, Eva Phipps.

Now I hope I pronounce the names of you gentlemen correctly. Mr. Tom Beurskins who will represent the Mayor, Jim Brady.

Tom Beurskins. Good morning ladies and gentlemen. I'm well pleased to be here this morning, and well pleased to see you here. I think that it is appropriate that your organization meet here in Dubuque because your organization and the city of Dubuque have one strong bond and that is an awareness of and an appreciation of history. You have history in your families, in your own lives and we have it in our community. I think that it is good that this awareness of and feeling of history is brought together here in Dubuque. I must admit that last night was the first time in a long time that I remembered the Maine. I think it's well that we do that from time to time because what we were and what we did as a nation should color what we do and what we are as a nation. So I am well pleased to have you here today in our community because being here adds to our community and I appreciate that. Thank you. (Applause).

Chairman STIEGER. I'd like at this time to present Catherine B. Raulerson, National Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor, who will present to Mr. Beurskins, to take to the Mayor the token of appreciation from our organization.

CATHERINE RAULERSON. We the members of the national auxiliary would like to present this plaque to the offices of the mayor of Dubuque, the Honorable Jim Brady in grateful appreciation of the many kindnesses and the hospitality shown to us and the warm welcome by fellow Iowans.

TOM BEURSKINS. Thank you very much.

Chairman STIEGER. At this time I will call on Norman Bauer of the V.A. Regional Office representing the Honorable Harry N. Walters.

Director BAUER. Thank you. Good morning to all of you and welcome to Iowa. On behalf of the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Harry N. Walters, we want to extend our greetings from the Veterans Administration to this convention and we hope that you have a very successful and pleasant convention. I don't often get an opportunity to speak on this particular subject but paraphrasing a statement that was made many years ago you can take the boy out of North Dakota but you can't take North Dakota out of the boy, and as a native son of North Dakota we have the honor in my state of using a term to represent North Dakota that resulted from the Spanish American War in that we are considered Rough Ride Country and I want to thank you folks for providing us with that term. We consider it an honor. As the Director of the Veterans Administration Regional Office we hope that you will enjoy our state and if we can be of any assistance to you during the course of your convention please feel free to call upon me and I will do my best to render what assistance I can. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman STIEGER. Kathleen Robbins will respond to the two gentlemen.

KATHLEEN ROBBINS. Commander in Chief, National President, representative of the Daughters and the president of the Sons, Auxiliary members, comrades and friends, and to you the representatives of the Mayor and the representative of the V.A. Office of the Veterans Administration. I bring to you the conveyance of greetings. We thank you for coming to us today as we assemble to commemorate the 86th encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans.

I am proud to respond to these greetings from my organization—United Spanish War Veterans and its Auxiliary. Our men served in America's first war for humanity. They are also veterans of the only 100% voluntary army the world has ever known. Of the

493,000 who volunteered in 1898 only a small percentage are living today. These brave men went to another country's call for help. Because of their own fierce loyalty to personal ideals of freedom, an inner sense of patriotism born of love of country, willingness to serve, and an abiding faith in God—They Volunteered. With all candor, honesty and truthfulness we can say with pride and humility all who served were, indeed Volunteers: a name earned and rightfully bestowed.

Our motto is Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity. Freedom for every civilized country of the world; Patriotism of the brand which prompted our comrades to volunteer their services to flag and country; and Humanity for the love of fellowmen so clearly demonstrated when they offered their lives for the downtrodden people of another country.

May you who are here today, representing state and local government, as well as various organizations, join with me in pledging a fervent prayer that America will forever remain America, and we, as individuals, remain Americans. Thank you very much for coming.

Chairman **Stieger**. We will now have a solo by Leone Helding, National Auxiliary Soloist.

Leone Helding. After that response I am glad I chose this number.

[My Own America was sung by the National Soloist.]

Chairman **Stieger**. At this time I am going to present to you, Lawrence B. Stretz, Past National President of the Sons who will proceed with the Memorial Service.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. Anne Garber, National Auxiliary Musician, will play Interlude.

[Anne Garber played Interlude and Catherine Stieger lit two candles on the altar.]

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. As you know this is a solemn occasion and there will be no applause during this part of the program. We will repeat Americanism.

The **Membership**. Americanism is an unfailing love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the flag and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. Elsie Barnaby, the National Chaplain of the Daughters of '98 will read the Holy Word.

Chaplain **Barnaby**. Asa and his reform of Public Worship.

In this time the country was at peace for ten years.

Asa did what is good and right in the eyes of Yahveh. He abolished the foreign altars and high places, broke the pillars, cut down the sacred poles, and urged the Judaeans to look to Yahveh, the God of their ancestors and to observe law and commandment. He abolished the High Places and the altars of incense in every town of Judah. The kingdom was at peace under his rule. He rebuilt the fortified towns of Judah, since the country was at peace and free of war during those years, Yahveh having granted him peace.

Let us rebuild these towns, he told Judah, let us surround them with wall and tower, with gate and bar. We shall be left in this land, since we have looked to Yahveh our God; and he has looked to us and given us peace on every side. They built and prospered.

Asa had an army of three hundred thousand Judaeans armed with buckler and spear, and two hundred and eighty thousand Benjaminter bearing shield and wielding the bow, all of them valiant champions.

Acting Chaplain in Chief STRETZ. The National Auxiliary Chaplain Gertrude Horning will give Memory Lane the auxiliaries tribute.

Auxiliary Chaplain HORNING. We come to this memorial service to pay our respects to members who have gone before us. Warm hearts still grieve over their deaths. We have come in sorrow and with love to awaken tender thoughts of old associations. Today we particularly remember Past National President, Edna R. Summerfield, who served our organization so faithfully. We mourn the loss of these beloved sisters, they have gone but their lives were not in vain, for they have left behind them records and good deeds to their families and fellowmen.

Our Father we pray for thy blessing on this service for our departed sisters. May the hearts of those who loved them and who miss their daily presence be cheered: May we encouraged by the memory of their lives go forward to better works, to a truer and nobler loyalty, to a greater usefulness to our Country and to those we promised to aid. Enlighten our understanding and bless our efforts, we ask in thy name, Amen.

"Not where the grasses verdant
on rounded hillocks bed
Are laid our Naval heroes,
Sleep soft our Navy dead.

"But where the waves are rocking
above the pathless deep
Full many a soldier-sailor,
Rests in his last long sleep.

"O, rock them gently, ocean
Our naval heroes brave
who mid the storm of battle
Their lives for freedom gave.

"The wind moaned in the rigging
And tossed the ocean's swell
It sang a solemn requiem
And tolled a funeral knoll.

"No tender hands to bury,
No time for farewell tear,
No laurel wreaths for crowning
But those we offer here.

"And as we gather yearly,
In honor of our dead,
We'll not forget the heroes
That sleep in oceans bed,

"The Army and the Navy
That saved our liberty
Be sung in song and story
As one on land and sea."

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. The National Adjutant General Beulah M. Cope will read the Roll of Honor.

Adjutant General **Cope**. We have lost a number of our comrades during the past year. These are their names.

Joseph J. McNamara, Past Commander in Chief, 1970-71, Massachusetts—November 25, 1983.

Clarence A. Will, Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Florida—December 4, 1983.

John F. Riggell, Commander and last member, Department of Michigan—November 14, 1983.

George W. Lewis, Commander and last member, Department of Iowa—January 20, 1984.

Frank Lechleidner, Commander and last member, Department of Oregon—November 20, 1983.

Joe T. Montgomery, Commander and last member, Department of Montana—February 26, 1984.

Wilbur R. Blackett, Commander and last member, Department of Nebraska—March 5, 1984.

Joseph M. Reese, Commander and last member, Department of Georgia—June 23, 1984.

Will W. Cook, Camp No. 2, Seattle, Washington and Alaska—February 12, 1984.

George M. McPhersoon, Member at Large, Georgia—February 21, 1984.

Albert B. Tew, Member at Large and former D.C. member Camp No. 1—July 21, 1984.

Victor Perez, Former member, Puerto Rico Camp No. 1—May 4, 1984.

James Redford Young, Former member Camp No. 112, Ohio—May 15, 1984.

May they rest in peace.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. The Sons tribute will be given by Dr. Charles A. Bond, the acting chaplain of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans.

Acting Chaplain **Bond**. The Sons of Spanish American War Veterans deeply mourn the loss of the following brothers since the last national convention:

Past National President, John N. Crawford, Chicago, Camp No. 119.

Past National President, George F. Keiser, Leesburg, Fla. Camp No. 33, Chicago.

Wilford Koons, Indianapolis, Member at Large.

Father Jerome O'Donnell, Boston, Camp No. 119.

National Chaplain, Elmer Wayne Siler, Member at Large, Birmingham, Ala.

Past National President, William H. Watson, Audubon, N.J. Camp No. 102.

Ross Albertson, San Francisco Camp No. 54.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. Elsie Barnaby, chaplain of the Daughters will give the Daughters tribute.

Chaplain **Barnaby**. I'm sorry I don't have the names of our members because I didn't know I had to have them. We lost 17 cadets and two Past National Fort Captains. The two Past National Captains were Margaret Lapan and Elsie Larson.

Acting Chaplain in Chief STRETZ. At this time Helen Dale will give us a musical Tribute while we place the flowers.

[Pink carnations were placed by Commander in Chief Mendel, National Auxiliary President Ruth E. Knoll, National President of the Sons, Jack A. Dempsey, and Eva Phipps, Acting National Fort Captain of the Daughters of '98.]

[This was followed by the playing of Taps.]

Acting Chaplain in Chief STRETZ. Our memorial address will be given by Bill Wendt from the Wartburg Theological Seminary.

WILLIAM WENDT. Thank you very much, Lawrence. It is a pleasure for me to be here today. To see so many people from so many parts of the country. I came from Alabama before I started my first year at the Seminary here in Dubuque. I hope I run into somebody from Alabama today. It will make my day. First of all Commander in Chief Mendel, National Presidents Knoll and Dempsey, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen. As I said it is a rare privilege for me to be here today to speak to you.

You and I have the uncommon privilege and responsibility to assemble and remember some things. Specifically some history lessons learned for some including myself from stories heard directly from others and from actual memories for a select few. In other words I've read about it in history books, and some of you have heard about it and some were there. Most importantly some of the select few are among us today and our greatest privilege is to know them and to pay them respect as American veterans. Our task today then is to reflect upon this remnant, upon their contemporaries and upon the struggle of a great nation, to make others free. It is a unique challenge that we face and enjoy. It requires sincerity and requires faithfulness and we do this as their freedom loving and freedom cherishing successors.

Surely along with most Americans I cannot say that I truly know and appreciate the 300,000 veterans of the Spanish American War. Nor can I say that I specifically know and appreciate the remnants, the 22 splendid survivers of the bygone conflict. That's sad I must admit. Specifically I must say that I rarely ever spoke of the war with Spain in '98. I rarely if ever heard anyone mention it in my 21 years in the naval service. I never then knowlingly spoke with or saw a veteran of that conflict until today. You'll have to pardon me for that but being a Johnny-come-lately veteran myself and now a seminary student at Wartburg at the ripe age of 42, I think I have some thinking and some catching up to do. Now you know where I am going from to go back to our past, remembering and appreciating our veterans of '98 and all of our veterans after that. Our task is to grapple with obscurity of the past in this world which seems so far removed from the events of that time. After all what do the space shuttle, a new race track, or the '84 election campaign have to do with Colonel Teddy Roosevelt, Santiago or the U.S.S. Maine. It struck me at this memorial, we must deal with another campaign of a generation removed, the U.S. Civil War. It certainly takes us far from today in Dubuque but not too far and I believe that these veterans that we honor today have seen much more and many more changes than anyone and that makes our chance of honoring them a little easier.

For example the controversy of the last decade of the 19th century is remarkably similar to ours. Reflect on them for a minute. The talk of the day was about foreign military power in Cuba; a population of Cuban exiles in the United States posed against a Cuban dictatorship and thirdly the need to build a canal through of all places Nicaragua. That sounds a little closer to home to me. It is about as close as the people here today who we honor. How close these men were and are. They are more than names now seem on main gates at army posts. Shaffter and Ord, they were willing men for their times and men who performed their duty well. And they were like other men of honor from every walk of life. Men of honor. They were black and white, rich and poor, famous and not so famous, but they were all men of the hour who responded with their best Also with their lives. Their tactics and equipment certainly were different from the ones that I knew of or some of our more recent veterans knew. They had no helicopters, no helmets, no computers; we know well of these men and their actions partly because in one book it has been called a correspondence course in contrast to the recent invasion of Grenada and that's not a political thing.

Not the least of these writers who went along with the troops and even participated in the fighting was novelist Stephen Crane. You may have heard of that one. Frank Friedel described these men in his book "The Splendid Little War" when he recalled the words of Lieutenant Pershing after San Juan Hill He says Lieutenant Pershing felt that a new unity had come out of the trial by battle; white regiments, black regiments, regulars and rough riders representing the young manhood of the north and south fought shoulder to shoulder unmindful of race or color. Unmindful of whether commanded by an ex confederate or not. Mindful only of their common duty as Americans. There is a lot in Lieutenant Pershing's statement for us and we can still learn from their experiences as a side light to this hour of memoriam. From these men of the hour we can learn that men and women have struggled together and that we must continue to struggle together as a united people.

We can learn a lesson from the men of the hour who served so long ago and still be forgotten as these veterans were forgotten. We realize that our own Vietnam veterans have been forgotten. But did they give less or care less about duty, and freedom for others. I believe not. They responded as these men responsed from all over this country. Theirs was a different conflict in a different arena. It was neither Santiago or Manila but places like Tulai and Plane Key. They too have been forgotten but not by all. And we can truthfully say not by you and not by me today.

In addition to honoring the earlier veterans of 1898 I would like to pay tribute to our latest veterans. I believe that both are brothers who did not shrink from the cause of freedom for another. Yet the history is less decisive and perhaps less successful militarily but let us hope that peoples lives were not wasted in either conflict, regardless of who owns the real estate. And let us give thanks to God and the men of the hour and the women of the hour have been willing to give their lives for one another. As we consider both younger and older veterans today, let us reflect upon these verses from the book of Proverbs. It states the spirit of man gave to the Lord in all the inner depths of his heart, the glory of young men in their strength and the splendor of old men in their gray heads. Whether we are young and strong or older and wiser, veterans and families of veterans assembled here today I salute you for your love and concern, and for your faithfulness. I pray that your service and sacrifice to others may be used as God may direct. Thank you very much.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. Thank you Bill for that inspiring address. You have given us something to think about. I will turn the meeting back to the chairman.

[Crossing the Bar was sung by National Auxiliary Soloist, Leone K. Helding.]

Chairman **Stieger**. I now present to you the National Secretary-Treasurer of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Donald E. Rudolph. He will represent his National President Ronald E. Ray.

Mr. **Rudolph**. Commander in Chief Mendel, other officers, members of the United Spanish War Veterans and other honored guests. On behalf of the President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Ronald E. Ray and the other 251 living members of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society I extend greetings. We wish you to have a productive encampment, and also wish for the incoming officers a very successful year. I would like at this time to pay special tribute to the 22 living veterans of the Spanish American War. I would also like to give a memorial to the 111 Medal of Honor recipients of the Spanish American War. Those were army, navy, and marine corps recipients. As I say I wish you a very successful encampment. Thank you very much.

Chairman **Stieger**. I would like to present to you Al MacNaughton, Adjutant Iowa Veterans Home, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Adjutant **MacNaughton**. Commander in Chief Mendel, it is a pleasure to know you sir and to meet your Adjutant General Cope, the other national and state encampment officers and distinguished guests at the head table. I bring you greetings from the Commandant of the Iowa Veterans Home, Jack Dack who expresses his regrets that he could not be with you today. I also bring you greetings from 731 veterans and ladies who are at the veterans home. This past week we buried our oldest widow of a veteran of the Spanish American War who was 105. We wish for you a most successful conference and encampment and again it has been my pleasure. Thank you so much.

Chairman **Stieger**. It is my pleasure to present to you Marine Corps League Northeast Commandant Ronald Brown of Cedar Rapids representing his Department Commander O. N. Austin.

NE Commandant **Brown**. Commander in Chief. I'm glad to meet you, ladies and gentlemen and national officers. Ormi Austin sends his regrets that he couldn't be here, so I am representing the state. I am the Northeast Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League. The Marine Corps League of the state of Iowa takes great pleasure in welcoming the United Spanish War Veterans to Northeast Iowa. It is really an honor to be invited here to your encampment and to be able to be with such statesmen as you. The Marine Corps League and I wish you the greatest success with your encampment.

Chairman STIEGER. Bill Huebner, Department Vice Commander, The American Legion representing Department Commander Vincent E. Blank of Des Moines.

Vice Commander HUEBNER. Thank you very much Chairman Stieger. National Commander in Chief Mendel. It was my pleasure to meet you this morning. Presidents, distinguished guests, fellow veterans and attendees of this 86th encampment. As commander of 361 posts of the American Legion in the state of Iowa and over 80,000 members I am very happy that the Commander in Chief here is an honorary member of the American Legion and has been for over 30 years. With that I want to wish you a very successful encampment and hope that you will come to visit Iowa again. Thank you very much.

Chairman STIEGER. I don't seem to have a card for you. What is your name?

Commander ERIKSON. I'm Shirley Erikson, Commander of the Iowa AMVETS and I did make out a card. I can relate to Johnny Cash and his song "A boy named Sue". She just showed me my card and said I thought you were a girl. My name is Shirley but I've learned to live with it. I had nothing to do with it. Commander Mendel, National President, Members of the Auxiliary, Sons of Spanish War Veterans and distinguished guests. I have a short thing to say to you this morning. I admire your beautiful ceremony as you give your tribute to those who departed in the last year. It was beautiful. I really enjoyed that and I think you can be complimented for this. I bring to you from the Iowa Department of AMVETS, American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam a very warm greeting, a special welcome to Iowa and we do wish you a very pleasant and successful encampment here on the bluffs above the Mississippi River. I had a couple of things and one thing I would like to give you and I don't know if any one objects. It relates to a change that happened in our organization. I am not going to try to tell you to beat any drums or anything like that, but I'll read it to you.

Public Law 98-304 amended the AMVETS Charter opening it to military personnel serving on active duty after May 7, 1940. I think it was the first change in the charters of any of the major organizations. So it opened it up to any honorably discharged veterans serving since 1940 and all persons serving actively and honorably on duty. I bring this to you as fellow veterans. I know that you've heard something about this. I wanted to throw it out to you so that you can understand what it is. With that, Welcome to Iowa, the place to grow. We had a little snit about that several years ago. Someone proposed our motto should be a "State of Mind" and that didn't go anywhere. Anyway welcome to Iowa.

Chairman STIEGER. Now I feel better. My cards showed up. I will now present to you the Grand Chef de Tran Earl Kelly representing the Grand Chef de Gare, G. L. (Pete) Bell. Mr. Kelly is happy to be assigned to visit us as his father was a Spanish War Veteran.

Mr. KELLY. Commander Mendel I'm glad to know you.

Commander MENDEL. Thank you.

Mr. KELLY. Madam Chairman, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Earl Kelly. I am a retired naval officer with 30 years service. Coming here today brings back many memories. My father was a Spanish American War veteran and he was very active in the Dubuque Camp. I bring you warm greetings from our Grand Chef de Gare Pete Bell. He was in Cedar Rapids today and was unable to attend. I bring you warm greetings from the Grand Voiture of Iowa. I hope your encampment is successful and a happy one and I hope you enjoy Dubuque while you are here.

Chairman STIEGER. I have from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, John Baumhover.

Mr. BAUMHOVER. Brothers and Sisters. It is my duty to represent your Department Commander Gerald L. Nolter. He is at a convention in Chicago, Illinois. He also sends his greetings and hopes you have a happy and successful convention. Thank you.

Chairman STIEGER. I see another veteran here. I don't know where he belongs but I am going to ask him to come up here. I now present to you Nick Lucy, Commander of Post No. 6 of the American Legion in Dubuque.

Commander LUCY. Commander, it is a pleasure being here. On behalf of the nearly 1,200 members of Post No. 6 I want to welcome you here and in the hours and days of your continuing stay here. If there is anything we can help you with don't hesitate to call on us. We have a club room near by. Music on Friday nights if you have time to squeeze it into your busy schedule, feel free to call us. We will be more than happy to drive over and pick some of you up. It seems to me that we have one common denominator as Legionaires and members of your various organizations in the Spanish American War veterans and that is my only concern for our country and our citizens and especially for our veterans and their families. And by your works it has helped me who am a much younger veteran who fully appreciates where we've been and where we're going. I thank you for your efforts and I especially want to thank you for the opportunity last night and this morning to share your encampment at least to some extent. It has not only been informative but has a way of expressing in such a manner that the Spanish American War does not seem so long ago. May God bless our nation, you folks and your merited works. Thank you and good luck.

Chairman STIEGER. Last Call. Now have I missed anyone in the room who would like to say something. Well hearing none I am going ahead. Jack Dempsey will you respond to our visiting guests.

JACK DEMPSEY. Friends of the veterans. We wish to welcome and thank you all. The representatives of all the visiting veterans organizations and the distinguished officers who have taken the time to come here and welcome us to Dubuque. Your words of greeting are the very best to carry on the traditions of the Spanish American War Veterans. Although their numbers are small, the count today 22, their spirit is great and through the efforts of other organizations such as you represent their services and sacrifices will live forever. We appreciate your attendence at this meeting and wish for all of you good health and continue to carry on your good work.

Chairman STIEGER. Beulah you have some announcements.

Adjutant General COPE. I have the greetings from President Ronald Reagan.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, August 22, 1984.

I am pleased to send warmest greetings to United Spanish War Veterans on your 86th National Encampment. Your organization has a proud history of service and patriotic devotion. Not only were you willing to make sacrifices in that long ago conflict but in your personal and community life as well. Since then you have exemplified the best that is America. Nancy and I send our best wishes for a most enjoyable encampment and for the years ahead.

RONALD REAGAN.

Message to United Spanish War Veterans Convention:

On the occasion of this 86th National Encampment it gives me great pleasure to send greetings to you and to your friends and relatives.

To the warm memories of friendships shared and of long-ago events, I want to add your nation's gratitude for the patriotism your service represented.

You and your comrades belong to that select company to whom all Americans owe an eternal debt of thanks.

HARRY N. WALTERS,
Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

THE AMERICAN LEGION,
Indianapolis, June 18, 1984.

Thank you for your kind invitation to join you and bring greetings of the American Legion at the Joint Opening Session and Memorial Service of your 86th National Encampment on August 24, 1984 in Dubuque, Iowa.

As much as I would like to be able to join you for this wonderful ceremony, I will be traveling to the American Legion National Convention in Salt Lake City during that period and must therefore regretfully decline. Also, I'm afraid all of our other officers will be enroute to convention at that time.

Once again, we thank you for your thoughtful invitation and my very best wishes for a most successful 86th National Encampment.

KEITH KREUL,
National Commander.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, June 14, 1984.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to attend or send a representative to your 86th National Encampment as it is occurring during the same period as our own National Convention.

Please convey the best wishes of our organization to your delegates for the continuing substantive contributions made by your organization to the principles and causes affecting all veterans.

Our best wishes to all.

JOSEPH ZOLDEN,
National Commander.

VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I
Alexandria, VA, June 22, 1984.

Thank you for your kind invitation of June 11th to attend your 86th National Encampment on August 23-26, at the Dubuque Inn in Dubuque, Iowa.

The Veterans of World War One National Convention is going to be overlapping your convention dates which prevents my being able to attend.

Please extend to your members and families in attendance that the Veterans of World War I salute them for their continuing efforts on behalf of the nations oldest group of living veterans.

The Veterans of World War I will continue to strive for the recognition of the generations to come as we move up into the last men's club we share with you.

Personal regards and best wishes to all.

JOHN W. "SMOKEY" STOVER,
National Commander.

Chairman **STIEGER**. Commander Mendel. Is there anything you would like to say before we close up?

Commander in Chief **MENDEL**. No you've said enough.

Chairman **Stieger**. Provost Marshal. Retire the colors.

[The colors were retired.]

Chairman **Stieger**. We will have the benediction by Gertrude Horning, National Auxiliary Chaplain.

National Auxiliary Chaplain **Horning**.

Precious ones from us are gone,
Voices we loved are stilled.
Places are vacant in our hearts,
That never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has recalled,
A boon his love has given,
And though we had to part with them,
Sure they are safe in heaven.
It's hard to break a tender cord,
Affection held so tight,
Never to see or know again,
Their spirit sweet and bright.
Peaceful be their silent slumber,
Near the sloping hills they knew,
Until we join that mournful number,
We will always remember them so,
Our beloved comrades and mothers of,
The United Spanish American War.

Chairman **Stieger**. We will now have our Sister Leone Helding close the meeting with God Bless America.

[God Bless America was sung with the audience participating.]

Chairman **Stieger**. I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you especially our guests. I hope we have been able to show you something of what goes on in our organization. Thank you all.

The meeting closed at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, August 25, 1984

The first business session of the 86th National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans met on Saturday, August 25, 1984 in the Cable Car Room of the Dubuque Inn, Dubuque, Iowa at 10:00 a.m., Acting Commander in Chief Lapan presiding.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. The colors have been placed by the Provost Marshal.

We will repeat Americanism in unison.

The MEMBERSHIP. Americanism is an unfailing love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. Acting Chaplain in Chief we will now have the invocation.

Acting Chaplain in Chief STRETZ. Let us pray. Our heavenly Father, show to us thy loving will that we may show it to others. Fortify us to sensibilities and will that we may prove ourselves worthy of privilege of reassembling again, and may the service of the afternoon strengthen Thy righteousness as expressed by humanity. This we ask in the name of Thy Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Acting Commander CLISBEE. May I ask a question. As it is our meetings and your meetings come at the same time. Would it be possible for you to shift your opening up to 9:30 and we in the Sons shift ours back to 8:30 and still properly transact our business.

Adjutant General COPE. This will have to come up in our meeting tomorrow. Then we are going to have to decide what we are going to do about it, because if our people are going to continue to come for seven days then we might as well set up the program that will go that way. Then we could very easily set them up at different hours. We could get the veterans meetings out of the way and the Auxiliary, then have the Daughters later but shift them. We did it this way because the Auxiliary has been wanting to have the convention shorter.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. Then why should everybody else be penalized?

Adjutant General COPE. What do you mean?

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. Well the ones who are going to get their business done in three days and go home. There is no reason why they should stay. I heard some people figuring yesterday. They had bought a 7 day ticket but by the time they counted the cost of the room for the extra days and the cost of their meals they didn't save a dime.

Adjutant General **Cope**. They tell me that the special hotel rate and the meals don't cost as much as the additional cost of the regular fare.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. I don't see any answer as it stands now. We will have to take it up later under unfinished business. The trouble is they get started talking and then they go on and on. They should follow the Rules and Regulations set out for conventions.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. They ought to have their business done and then those who don't want to stay on can go home. I think they ought to attend to business first. Then anyone who wants to go ahead, let them go.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. If they want to travel around the countryside and see what its like that's their business after they finish their business, they can go.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. Of course the main purpose when we come here is for business.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Then have a specific time for pleasure. Take care of business, then if you want to stay for 5 days and have fun then stay 5 days. But that doesn't make others stay who don't want to stay.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. How many voting members do we have?

Adjutant General **Cope**. We have 3 national officers, Commander in Chief Mendel, you as acting Commander in Chief and Robert Shakespeare as acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief; then three members of the Executive Committee are here. These are Catherine Stieger, Ruth Syler and myself; then Larry Stretz represents New York and Walter Clisbee represents Massachusetts. That makes a total of 8.

Then Ruth Adamson asked yesterday whether her verbal statement that Joe Regley had asked her to represent California in his place would be acceptable. I did write to Mr. Regley but I did not receive a reply. They have paid their per capita tax and are in good standing.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Will Ruth come in to vote.

Adjutant General **Cope**. That is what I understood her to say.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. I think we ought to accept her although it wasn't done the official way. Is everybody agreeable. OK.

Catherine Stieger. Ann Garber spoke to me that Charley Holt had asked her to represent Pennsylvania. I told her to see Sister Cope. She had some papers in her hand.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Well she would be the one to represent their Department. We are keeping the Pennsylvania Department and Charles Holt is the Commander.

Ruth Syler. Did you have John Riggell on the Roll of Honor?

Adjutant General **Cope**. Yes I read his name, but I may not have pronounced it right.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Well then we will add Anne Garber to represent Pennsylvania. That will make ten voting members.

Now let's get to the reports of the officers. The Commander in Chief, the Senior Vice Commander and the Junior Vice Commander we won't pick on them. As acting Commander in Chief I'll read mine.

Acting Commander in Chief Lapan report which is not repeated here since it appears in the Officers Reports Section.

Acting Commander in Chief **LAPAN**. Next is my report as Judge Advocate which was nothing much this year.

The Judge Advocates report was read and is shown in the Officers Reports section.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **SHAKESPEARE**. The Auxiliary would like to bring greetings.

Auxiliary President **KNOLL**. We were over there and there was nothing going on. They told me to go so I came. Cecelia Johnson said she would be over in a few minutes. I am very pleased to be here. I hope your convention is going to be as constructive as ours is being. I am thoroughly enjoying myself as everybody who asks me knows. Will you please present this to Commander Mendel for me.

Acting Commander in Chief **LAPAN**. We thank you very much. Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief Shakespeare will you respond to their greetings.

CECELIA JOHNSON. Wait a minute. I have a presentation to make. You can sit down. I will read this because I am afraid somebody else couldn't read it. I'm having trouble with my eyes. I'm going up hill when I'm writing so I had better read it myself. I have a check here. The Badger Club inherited a nice little sum from Lena McMahan Ackley. She was a member of the Badger Club and we want to share this in several different places. This is what I have written up so that you know what it is all about. The enclosed check for $200 is in memory of Past Department Commander Comrade McMahan deceased and the former husband of Lena McMahan Ackley. She was one of our most interested Auxiliary members and loved her badger group. I have kept close contact with her and talked to her often. I know how she felt about the Badgers and the Auxiliary as does Norman Wescott. We are happy to share our inheritancy with the comrades. Sincerely in F. P. & H. Cecelia M. Johnson, Past National President and Norma Wescott. Norma was a Badger also. She served as Department President when I was National President so Norma and I have been very close to Lena. Lena years ago was very active and came to all the meetings and all the conventions but she never forgot us. In Madison in 1976 she and her husband Mark Ackley presented us with a check and before the convention was over they called me up into their room and gave us another check and we have been contributing to Life Line out of that. She said take the girls out and treat them. We didn't do that. We decided we would give it in her honor. So this check is part of it. We don't know what we are going to do with all of it but some of it has been decided on and we are meeting tomorrow at noon and we will decide what we are going to do with the rest of it but we wanted to give this at the convention.

Acting Commander in Chief **LAPAN**. Thank you for your gift. I imagine we will put this in the General Fund.

Adjutant General **COPE**. It actually will go in the Special Memorial Fund.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. Well that is just beautiful.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Some of you may remember Mark Ackley. The Ackley's also gave a contribution to the veterans and Mark Ackley wanted to join the Sons but he had no Spanish War relatives that he knew of. He was active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Now lets get back to what we were talking about. That was filling George Keiser's office as Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

Adjutant General **Cope**. That was not what I was talking about. I wasn't talking about the office I was talking about filling in a name on the committee. Of course the acting junior vice commander moved up automatically to fill the chair of the acting senior vice commander but that wasn't what I was talking about. I'm talking about membership on the Executive Committee which Comrade Brown sat up. Comrade Brown set up this committee which we are on to continue indefinitely to run the organization and if somebody died or withdrew from the committee the rest of the members of the committee, not the convention, but the committee were to elect somebody to take that person's place on the committee which had nothing to do with filling the office.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. But they haven't had a meeting.

Adjutant General **Cope**. In our organization elections can be held by mail. The enactment doesn't say how the election should be held. Anyway I was not talking about a replacement for the office of Acting Commander but for a replacement on the committee. I wanted to make it clear that replacements were to be made by the other members of the committee and not by all the members of the Council of Administration or the voting delegates at a particular convention. That's the way it was written.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. They would take the next post down which would be chaplain. That's the next post.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Chaplain in Chiefs are not elected. They are appointed. The veterans elect only the three top officers and that is all according to their Rules and Regulations. That's what they have been electing for years. Originally I suppose they may have elected their other officers.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Then that position is wide open.

Adjutant General **Cope**. That's right. But we still would be entitled to one more person on the Executive Committee. It wouldn't necessarily be an officer. The Committee would decide on that.

There were six people on the original committee and two more have been added. Now we need a replacement on the committee but the replacement would not of necessity have to be an elected officer. Now if they elected somebody else for Junior Vice Commander in Chief that person would be on the committee only while he held the office unless he was also elected to fill a vacancy on the committee.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Then what you planned to do through the mail was to fill in, in case something happened to me and Bob broke a leg.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Yes but we do have a committee.

Ruth Syler. They could carry on.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief do you have a report?

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. It is a brief report.

The report was read and is filed in the Officers Reports section.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. Can I give my Publicity Chairman Report?

The Publicity report was read and appears in the Officers Reports section.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. Should I go and see about the Commander in Chief. I said I would be back in about 5 minutes.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Yes. Now can we have the Adjutant General's Report.

Adjutant General Cope read her report which is not shown here but in the section giving the Officers Reports.

Adjutant General **Cope**. We have a surplus of Louisville Proceedings. Each organization is allowed 500 copies but I told them we didn't need that many and reduce the order to 300 but instead they must have sent us 500 plus I've heard from the Committee on Veterans Affairs on the Hill that they have a surplus also and will be glad to send us some.

Ruth Syler. I had the same trouble in Michigan. We were allowed 1,500 copies and I tried to reduce it and I got balled out by the legislature. I said what do you want me to do, throw them in the waste basket.

Adjutant General **Cope**. I've tried to dispose of them but still have several boxes. Now in regard to my report. We had the one member in Georgia but Mr. Reese died on June 21st and they called long distance to report his death and asked that the Department be disbanded immediately which most places don't want so that they on the day of his funeral had a service at a monument there and officially disbanded the Department right then and there. They have no sons but they do have a Daughters Fort and they could have kept on.

[At this time Commander in Chief Mendel returned to the meeting.]

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Commander Mendel you have a gift from the Auxiliary.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. I just saw Jimmy Embree in the lobby. He said they gave them Room 207. Comrade Embree is resting.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Are there any other Officers Reports?

Adjutant General **Cope**. Arthur Lou sent in the report of the V.A.V.S. Representative.

Ruth Syler. Somebody should go down to meet Comrade Embree.

Adjutant General **Cope**. They are probably hurt that no one was there to meet them but they didn't tell us when they were coming. The local Legion Post would have come down if they had been told.

Ruth Syler. Why don't you go down to Room 207 and welcome him anyway.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. I'll declare a recess and Acting Vice Commander Shakespeare and Adjutant General Cope can go down and welcome Past Commander in Chief Embree.

[Meeting recessed for ten minutes.]

Adjutant General **Cope**. Mr. Embree is asleep. His son said they drove all the way from Independence, Kansas. They had pillows but Comrade Embree insisted on sitting up so he is here but he needs a little rest. They had trouble finding a place to stay last night.

Acting Commander in Chief Lapan read the report of the V.A.V.S. representative which is shown in Officers Reports section.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Is there a Finance Committee Report?

Adjutant General **Cope**. George Keiser was chairman but I have written up a report.

The Finance Committee Report was read and is shown in the Officers Reports Section.

Ruth Syler. The senator is tied up right now so he'll be a little while.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Then we can go into nominations. Nominations are now open for the office of Commander in Chief.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. I nominate S. Leroy Mendel for Commander in Chief.

Ruth Syler. I second the nomination.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Are there further nominations for Commander in Chief? Are there further nominations for Commander in Chief? Are there further nominations for Commander in Chief? Hearing none I declare the nominations closed.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. We will now hear from Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **Shakespeare**. I nominate Past Commander in Chief Harry B. Embree.

Chairman **Stieger**. I'll second it.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander in Chief? Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander in Chief? Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander in Chief? There being none, the nominations are closed.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Nominations are open for Junior Vice Commander in Chief. Who do we have?

Adjutant General **Cope**. Well we have no one else here but we can pick one.

Ruth Syler. Didn't you say that one who is 110 is doing quite well. Why not give him the honor.

Adjutant General **Cope**. That is Comrade Chaloner. As far as I know he was never active in his Camp in Cleveland. Since he's been at Bay Pines he seemed to be more interested in the VFW than in the United Spanish War Veterans.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief **Shakespeare**. What about Col. McLaughlin. He was born in Big Rapids.

Adjutant General **Cope**. He went west from there and was a member of Scout Young Camp No. 2 in Portland for many years. After he retired from the service he went to San Diego where he was involved in the R.O.T.C. but never joined a camp down there. Then he came back to Washington, D.C. I wrote to him about joining but I never heard from him. He is in a nursing home now because he brok his hip. He is able to get about with a walker.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Well you pick a name and we'll go to Acting Commander in Chief.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **Shakespeare**. I nominate Acting Commander in Chief Arnold Lapan.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. I second that nomination.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Are there any other nominations for Acting Commander in Chief? Are there any other nominations for Acting Commander in Chief? Hearing none I declare the nominations closed.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Nominations are now open for Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. I nominate Robert E. Shakespeare.

Ruth Syler. I second that.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Are there any other nominations for Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief? Are there any other nominations for Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Nominations are now open for Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief. Any member of the organization is eligible. There are three here in this room.

Ruth Syler. I nominate Catherine E. Stieger for Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **Shakespeare**. I second that nomination.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Are there any further nominations for Junior Vice Commander in Chief? Are there any further nominations for Junior Vice Commander in Chief? Hearing none I declare the nominations closed. Nominations for all offices will be reopened at the afternoon meeting. Comrade Mendel you will be elected this afternoon and then installed. Then anytime you have to go home you can get away.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. I'm leaving tomorrow morning. They have to get back.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. We'll do it all this afternoon so when they are ready to go you can take off.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. What did you give me?

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. You are getting Commander in Chief.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. Well I'll be here this afternoon then.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. You did a good job.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. What ever you do is all right with me. I know I can count on you all.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. The only thing that's left now is to talk about where the convention should go.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **Shakespeare**. I'd like to make a suggestion regarding that and that is Beulah is getting in information, and we might want to think about letting her sift through all of these things and then in a month or two she could see what she thinks is best and send it out to the Council of Administration. Do you think that might be wiser than to jump fast. She could put all the information in a letter and we could go over it and come to some concrete decision on a place for the next convention.

Adjutant General **Cope**. That should only be a last resort.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **Shakespeare**. Is the replacement on the Executive Council elected or appointed?

Adjutant General **Cope**. They are elected by the remaining members of the Executive Council. There is one person here who is not on the committee as of the moment. Larry's not on the council (committee) but Walter Clisbee is here at the convention.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. You can't depend on him. He might come to the whole convention and not even show up.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **Shakespeare**. I would go by Beulah's suggestion. I think Larry Stretz would be excellent.

Adjutant General **Cope**. It is up to the rest of them but Ruth is out just now.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **Shakespeare**. We have a Greeting Committee from the Daughters. Come right in.

Acting National Fort Captain **Eva Phipps**. I'm Eva Phipps, First Lieutenant acting for the National Fort Captain. I bring the greetings of Alice Albrecht, Past National Fort Captain and Catherine Malsch, Past National Fort Captain. We bring greetings from the Daughters and we are real happy to be here with you all. We hope you have a successful convention and we wish you all good luck. And this is for you (a gift was presented to Commander in Chief Mendel.)

Alice Albrecht, P.N.F.C. I'm very happy to be here and on the committee to bring greetings to our comrades. I had the pleasure of having breakfast with you yesterday. I saw you dancing last night. You did a fine job of it and I do hope you enjoy the convention here.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. That was soft shoe but I was scared though. I do like everybody.

Catherine Malsch, P.N.F.C. I bring you greetings also and I wish you a very happy covention and God Bless You.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. Thank you.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Thank you for coming and our best wishes.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Commander Mendel wants that letter he gave me so I had better go get it.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **Shakespeare**. It's that letter from John Crawford expressing his thanks for the U.S.W.V., the Auxiliary, the Daughters and the Sons for their courtesies and I thought since we had seen it, I was going to send it with them.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. How old are you.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Seventy. If I can keep my good health I hope to live as long as you. I'm in pretty good shape. You look all right. You have nice rosy cheeks and what not.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. Yes. I still write for the newspaper, 19 years now. I enjoy it.

Acting Commander in Chief **LAPAN**. Keeping busy is part of the secret of keeping well. If you sit in the rocking chair you are going to end up in the cemetery.

Commander in Chief **MENDEL**. A while back I talked to a school and everyone of them sent me a letter. They wanted me back next year they said. I sing for them. Talk to them. It's a little town called Adeline. Every one of them sent me a letter. That was pretty good.

Adjutant General **COPE**. I brought down a mailgram which arrived too late to be read at the Joint Session:

LYNN, MA, *August 24, 1984.*

Congratulations and best wishes from the Polish Legion of American Veterans on your 86th National Encampment. Since being elected Commander last week, it was impossible because of my previous commitments. May your deliberations be fruitful and productive.

Yours in Comradeship,

STANLEY J. WOJCIECHOWSKI,
National Commander,
Polish Legion of American Veterans.

Adjutant General **COPE**. I also brought back my list of veterans to see if I had missed anyone. Mr. Mulkey out in Washington state is probably one of the better ones. He has been a member for years but I don't know that he was ever very active. We have two members at large, Albert Tanner who is in a home in Washington and Jasper Garrison who is in a home in Illinois. So maybe Mr. Taylor is the best.

Chairman **STIEGER**. Isn't he on a trip around the world.

Adjutant General **COPE**. No he is back. His wife wrote that she didn't think he quite as good but that he was always ready to talk to people.

Chairman **STIEGER**. What are we looking for?

Adjutant General **COPE**. We are looking for someone for Junior Vice Commander. You spoke about Chaloner but he never was too active. Some of these other men were more active.

Chairman **STIEGER**. I thought you were talking about another member for the committee.

Adjutant General **COPE**. Yes. We were talking about that too. We want to finish that up. Who do yo want to put on the committee.

Chairman **STIEGER**. I thought we said we would put Larry on.

Acting Commander in Chief **LAPAN**. They agreed to put Larry Stretz on.

Chairman **STIEGER**. I nominate Larry Stretz for the Committee.

RUTH SYLER. You must have talked about it while I was out of the room/I second it.

Adjutant General **COPE**. Does anyone have a choice for Junior Vice Commander.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **SHAKESPEARE**. I would go by Beulah's suggestion.

Acting Commander in Chief **LAPAN**. Well we'll leave it up to you. Is there any thing else.

Adjutant General **COPE**. Is the Legion man coming back with the Senator?

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **SHAKESPEARE**. I'll get the Chief if he is coming back.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Did you get that book that everybody signed last night.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **Shakespeare**. Selma Strong has it and asked would you take it back to Florida.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Anything going back to Florida, I'll take.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief **Shakespeare**. We'll see that you get it.

Ruth Syler. Senator Welch has not shown up yet. He wondered if he might not come and say something at the luncheon. I think I ought to ask Selma since she made the arrangements.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Is there anything further?

If not we are recessed until 2 p.m. this afternoon.

[The meeting was recessed at 12 noon.]

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, August 25, 1984

The second session of the 86th national convention was called to order in the Cable Car Room at 2:00 p.m. with the Acting Commander in Chief J. Arnold Lapan presiding.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. The meeting will come to order. The acting Chaplain in Chief will now invoke the blessing.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. Almight God, creator and preservor of the universe. Grant us favor as we stand in thy presence. We thank Thee for the blessing we find in abundance. May we hear Thy guidance in the conduct of the business for which we are assembled. Amen.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. What do you want to take up next.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Do you want to open up nominations again. The ones who were nominated are all here now They know they have been nominated.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Do you accept the nomination?

Acting Commander in Chief **Mendel**. Yes.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. We can have Resolutions.

Adjutant General **Cope**. We won't be able to get those until tomorrow morning. We just gave her the samples.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Well we will reopen nominations. Read the list that has been nominated.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Commander in Chief—S. Leroy Mendel; Senior Vice Commander in Chief—Harry B. Embree.

We have to fill in the name for Junior Vice Commander in Chief. Mr. Steinle is probably in pretty good condition. Taylor who they have put on the New York roll, Mr. Mulkey in Washington but he is the 4th oldest veteran. These are our oldest members but they are in remarkedly good health for their ages.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. I nominate Comrade Taylor.

Ruth Syler. I'll second that. What is his first name?

Adjutant General **Cope**. Ralph Waldo Taylor. He lives in Florida at Pompano Beach. He is the one who was in the battle of San Juan Hill and is the last survivor. He served with the New York Volunteers.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. You couldn't tell Fred Meyers that. He said it was Kettle Hill.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Are there any other nominations for Commander in Chief? Are there any other nominations for Commander in Chief. Are there any other nominations for Commander in Chief. Nominations are closed for Commander in Chief.

Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander in Chief? Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander in Chief? Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander in Chief. Hearing none they are closed.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Are there any nominations for Junior Vice Commander in Chief? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations. I declare all of the nominations closed.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Do you have to go into the acting ones or not?

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Yes we should do that too.

Adjutant General **Cope**. The acting officers that were nominated are Arnold Lapan for Acting Commander in Chief, for Senior Vice Commander in Chief Robert E. Shakespeare and for Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief Catherine E. Stieger.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Are there any other nominations for Acting Commander in Chief? Are there any other nominations, are there any other nominations. Hearing none I declare the nominations for Acting Commander in Chief closed.

Are there any nominations for Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief? Are there any nominations for Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief? Are there any nominations for Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief. Hearing none I declare the nominations closed.

Are there any nominations for Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief? Are there any other nominations for Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief? Are there any other nominations for Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief? Hearing none I declare the nominations closed for Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. Acting Commander in Chief, I move that the Adjutant General cast one ballot for the persons nominated.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. I second that motion.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Motion was made and seconded that the Adjutant General cast one ballot for the candidates nominated. Question. All in favor vote by saying aye. [Chorus of ayes.] Contrary no. Hearing all in the affirmative I declare the motion carried.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Mr. McCurry wants to come in sometime doesn't he?

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. He spoke to the Auxiliary. He should be along pretty soon. He was going to the Sons and I told him where they were. He'll be here until some time tomorrow because he has to be in Kansas City on Monday morning.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Do you want to have the installation now. Then if they get tired and want to leave they can.

Ruth Syler. That's a good idea. I think it would be a good idea.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Who do you want to install you, Comrade Mendel.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. I'd like to have all of you install me.

Adjutant General **Cope**. No you have to pick one.

Commander in Chief MENDEL. One represents all. Well I'd like Comrade Shakespeare.

Acting Senior Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Comrade Mendel, I appreciate very much having the pleasure of installing you as commander in chief of this wonderful organization.

Are you ready to take upon yourself the obligation of your office?

Commander in Chief Elect S. LEROY MENDEL. I am.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. Raise your right hand and pronounce your name.

Commander in Chief MENDEL. S. Leroy Mendel.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. Repeat after me: On my honor as a man and a comrade of the United Spanish War Veterans, I do solemnly pledge myself to govern the United Spanish War Veterans according to the laws which rule the organization; to properly conduct its business; to exercise watchful care over all its subordinate subdivisions, and to perform faithfully all other duties devolving upon me in the office of commander in chief, ever striving to promote the welfare and prosperity and to advance the lofty principles and purposes of our beloved organization.

Drop your hand.

You are now duly installed as the commander in chief of what is remaining of that historic line of 1898, the American Volunteers.

Comrade Embree are you ready to take upon yourself the obligation of your office?

Comrade EMBREE. I am.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. You will raise your right hand, pronounce your name and repeat after me:

Senior Vice Commander in Chief EMBREE. I, Harry B. Embree on my honor as a man and a comrade of the United Spanish War Veterans do solemnly pledge myself to perform faithfully all the duties devolving upon me in the national office of the United Spanish War Veterans to which I have been elected.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. By virtue of the authority in me vested, I declare the elective National Officers of the United Spanish War Veterans duly and legally installed. And now, Comrade Commander in Chief, I present you with the badge of your office and surrender to you the gaval, the symbol of your authority in the National Organization, United Spanish War Veterans. Use your authority fearlessly and impartially, with charity and patience, and for the highest good of the organization and each individual member thereof.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. Next is selection of a convention city.

Adjutant General COPE. After that we will go into new business. I think we have had all of the reports.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. We talked about it earlier but you weren't all here. There is some problem in choosing a city. We don't have any real good selections or too many cities asking for us. We talked about it and it was decided tentatively that we would wait until Beulah got more data.

Adjutant General COPE. We didn't decide that at all.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. It was tentativley decided.

Adjutant General COPE. I hope it can be decided here. I don't have time to try to collect more information unless someone will come up and offer. Now we have one offer already as you know. You haven't had it read yet but I do have it.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. Do you want to read the offer you have.

Adjutant General COPE. We have a letter from the Department of Georgia which they passed at their Department Convention which is the only invitation from a part of the organization. I have a number of hotels who have sent invitations. In Chicago the Convention Bureau alerted hotels that we might be interested in having a convention in Chicago so I received letters from a variety of hotels some months ago. I selected only a few of them. Then we have two from Colorado thanks to Kitty.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. But don't they say if you are interested contact us again?

Adjutant General COPE. I'll read them. This is the letter from the Department of Georgia.

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA,
Clearwater, SC, June 8, 1984.

National Adjutant, BEULAH M. COPE,
United Spanish War Veterans.

At the 62nd Annual Encampment, Department of Georgia, United Spanish War Veterans, and the 61st Annual Convention of the Auxiliary and the 16th Annual Session of the Daughters of 1898, held the 20th, 21st and 22nd of May 1984, the motion was made and approved, to petition the veterans and ask for their consideration in having the 1985 National Convention at Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

Sincerely in Fraternity, Patriotism and Humanity,

CATHERINE B. RAULERSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

ANNIE MARTIN. Department President, I also have a letter from the Sheraton Jacksonville Beach Resort, which was the hotel we used the last time we were there.

JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FL, *July 19, 1984.*

Mrs. BEULAH M. COPE,
Adjutant General.

It is our understanding several of your members have indicated a desire to return to the Sheraton Jacksonville Beach Resort in September 1985. This of course makes us very happy as we would be most pleased to have you back. We understand the dates are September 9-12, 1985. Please advise if the dates are correct.

We promise you the same good food and service you had in 1983, free meeting rooms and full cooperation of our entire staff.

You will be happy to note Mr. Ken Watkins is now our General Manager. He was promoted in April.

Should you wish to call us, our toll free number is 1-800-321-2037. We would be happy to hear from you at any time.

J. MAXWELL MYERS,
Director of Sales and Marketing.

Their room prices for after Labor Day are given as $45 single or double up to four people in a room. Many hotels quote their rates that way now. There are two double beds. The rate is $65 before Labor Day.

RUTH SYLER. You have to add tax don't you.

Adjutant General COPE. I believe it is 9%. The last time the rates were $38 single and $44 double.

Chairman STIEGER. Four people is pretty impossible for closet space etc.

Adjutant General COPE. Now I have a letter from one of the Chicago hotels.

Acting Senior Vice Commander Shakespeare. Is that the one in Memphis.

Adjutant General Cope. No the Memphis people refused to consider the convention for next year. There was a hotel there that wanted to submit a bid but I told them they would have to get the approval of our local people. The hotel manager talked to Dr. Johnson but she refused to consider them, the hotel was out at the airport but had promised a reasonable rate. Dr. Johnson indicated that downtown hotels are very expensive. The Peabody, where we were in 1970 has been completely renovated even to a new flock of ducks. The published group rates for the Peabody are $65 single and $80 double plus 11¾% tax. She said there might be more reasonably priced hotels down town but that Tennessee really does not want to consider a convention at the present time.

Now one hotel in Chicago did send me a convention data sheet and called me the day before I left. I think the hotel is OK, but the location isn't all that good. It is down on the lower part of Lake Shore drive just across from the convention center. Shopping would be a problem as you would have to take a bus. They are offering us a special rate if we will take Labor Day weekend. Then they will give us a special rate of $50 for both singles and doubles. This is the McCormick Center Hotel and if we will come August 29 to September 1 and if we take 80 rooms they will give us one complimentary suite of one parlor and one bedroom. I gave them a list of our requirements and this is their letter.

CHICAGO, IL, *June 25, 1984.*

Ms. BEULAH M. COPE,
United Spanish War Veterans.

It was a pleasure making your acquaintance by phone recently and discussing your plans for the September 1985, United Spanish War Veterans Reunion.

On behalf of McCormick Center Hotel, we welcome the opportunity to be your hotel host and I would personally look forward to working with you on a most successful and enjoyable reunion.

It is my understanding from our recent conversations that the majority of your delegates are on a fixed income and that room rate is very important. With this in mind I would like for your group to seriously consider utilizing the McCormick Center Hotel over the 1985 Labor Day weekend. During that time we would be in the position to offer you our best rates, without your group sacrificing location, facility or service. I have enclosed a proposal for the 1985 Labor Day Weekend please keep in mind we can make changes to fit your needs.

McCormick Center Hotel is one of Chicago's newest hotels offering 650 luxurious rooms and suites in a downtown, lakefront setting.

To celebrate our 10th anniversary this year, we are completely refurnishing and redecorating all of our rooms and suites.

McCormick Center Hotel offers 20 major meeting rooms, the largest of which seats 2,000. Most of our meeting area features soundproof, moveable walls which gives us great flexibility.

McCormick Center Hotel offers 'Sign of the Steer' main dining room and 'LeMoko' coffee shop. Our elegant rooftop dining room 'Maxies' is open for lunch and dinner. 'The Other Side' cocktail lounge has a piano bar in early evening and a band, singer and dancing are offered later in the evening. 'Maxies' is also open for the cocktail hour.

There is a year round pool, steam room and sauna and a fully equipped exercise room open until 10:00 p.m.

Our courtesy bus offers hourly complimentary service to our guests from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. down Michigan Avenue to Oak Street, 1000 north. There are designated pick up points for guests who wish to return to the hotel and the only exception to the above service is that we do not run at 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. Continental Air-Transport provides direct ground transportation on a most frequent schedule to

McCormick Center Hotel from O'Hare Airport at a cost of $6.00 and from Midway Airport at a cost $5.00.

Our attached garage has space for 600 cars at a very reasonable rate of $5.25 daily for registered guests with unlimited in and out privileges.

Mrs. Cope, I will be in touch with you in the next several days to further discuss the possibility of United Spanish War Veterans being with us next year.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

CINDY WENDT,
Sales Manager.

Adjutant General COPE. That's the one which will give it to us for $50, single or double if we go over Labor Day but their rates are much higher otherwise. There is also a sales tax and a room tax amounting to 10%. This is based on August 29 to September 1, check out time 12 noon; Parking $5.25 a day for all registered guests, credit arrangements to be determined, banquet and meeting schedule to follow. She has the whole contract set up for me to sign. They sent a couple of leaflets and a map of the area which I had duplicated and it looks like it is quite a way down from the Loop. Those of our people I've talked to have not been very enthusiastic about going to Chicago.

Now I have information from the Clarion Hotel in Denver and also from the Clarion Hotel in Colorado Springs.

Chairman STIEGER. Aren't there two hotels in Denver besides the one in Colorado Springs.

Adjutant General COPE. Yes there are many hotels in Denver.

Chairman STIEGER. But I thought I saw another one on the list.

Adjutant General COPE. Yes the Brown Palace but they didn't send me anything on that one. The only one they sent was out at the Airport.

Chairman STIEGER. She talked to me when I was in Schenectady and when I was through she gave me this form to fill out if I was satisfied. She called me up and said she had heard we had other conventions and asked if there was any way she could recommend their hotels. They said they would write to some of them and recommend them. I picked out two or three names and hoped to hear from California.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. How do their prices compare.

Adjutant General COPE. They were both quite high and are both Clarion Hotels. Colorado Springs was the one I heard from first. This is their letter.

AUGUST 13, 1984.

It was so enjoyable chatting with you last week regarding your fine organization. As I mentioned to you, September is still prime time for Colorado Springs and our customary group rates from $65.00/single and $75.00/double occupancy. However, because of your very special membership, I am delighted to offer a confidential rate of $55.00/single or double occupancy for your 1985 reunion. The prospect of hosting 26 Spanish American War Veterans drew a unanimous decision to throw budget to the wind and extend a subetantially discounted rate.

I do have an outline of your agenda which includes four breakfast rooms, a general session for the entire group, two dinners for 75 people, two lunches for 50 people, one dinner for 150 people, one breakfast for 150 people and three cookies and punch receptions.

Tucked at the foot of the Front Range, dominated by Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs offers city convenience with an overall atmosphere of a relaxed, sports and tourists oriented town. A warm Western welcome is yours at the Clarion Hotel, and we pride ourselves on very personal service, extensive, flexible meeting facilities and a professional, experienced staff.

Our hotel is only ten minutes from the municipal airport and we provide complimentary shuttle service for our guests. For those arriving by car, the Clarion Hotel is just off Interstate 25 at Exit 138—and we've ample parking.

Once at the Clarion Hotel/Colorado Springs, you'll find a warm ambience comfortable, newly renovated guest rooms, professional and attractive meeting rooms; the amenities expected of a first class hotel including a coffee shop, elegant restaurant, a 24-hour deli service bar, cocktail lounge, dance spot, barber shop, gift and clothing stores, game room, indoor and outdoor pools, putting green, tennis courts, exercise room, hot tub, sauna and more. Most importantly, our entire staff, from bus boy to general manager, is eager to please and concerned that your visit with us be thoroughly enjoyed and warmly remembered.

Enclosed is a Conference Planner and brochure of the Clarion Hotel/Colorado Springs for your review.

Anytime you or any of your associates are in the area and have the opportunity to personally inspect our facilities, simply give me a call and I will be happy to make the arrangements.

We would be delighted to host the United Spanish American War Veterans and hope the Clarion Hotel/Colorado Springs will be considered in your future meeting plans.

If I may be of further assistance to you in any way, please feel free to call on me. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Best wishes for an enjoyable reunion in Dubuque.

Sincerely,

MARSHSA ML BAUMANN,
Director of Sales.

JIMMY EMBREE. Can I talk on that one

Acting Commander in Chief **LAPAN.** Yes.

JIMMY EMBREE. I checked out of there yesterday morning. However I'll tell you this Beulah, after thinking it over. Here's the situation. It is a beautiful hotel and everything they say there is absolutely true; good food, good service. Now its spread out over umteen blocks and practically every room has an outside entrance so you drive up to your entrance. I like the lobby and dining room but it is quite a hike sometimes. I like the hotel. I like to stay there and I've been staying there for the last couple of months. I would not recommend it for this group. It is a nice hotel and what they say is true, it has nice looking rooms but it is not downtown.

RUTH ADAMSON. What town in Georgia would we have?

Adjutant General **COPE.** Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

RUTH ADAMSON. But Jacksonville Beach is in Florida.

Adjutant General **COPE.** I know, but Juanita Harris is from Jacksonville Beach and is a member of the Georgia Department so she would be chairman. I believe that if there is a past national president in the state she becomes the chairman. Juanita's business is in Jacksonville Beach so she wants it there as she doesn't want to be away from her shop.

Chairman **STIEGER.** She lives in Jacksonville Beach?

Adjutant General **COPE.** That's right. She and quite a number of other members live there. Florida doesn't have a Department and actually only one Auxiliary as far as I know. The Georgia people don't want it in Atlanta either, as they have no workers there. They had some good workers but those workers have now passed on . . . Several of the California people told me it is too far and they don't want to go there.

I have a letter from Denver also, the Clarion Hotel in Denver. This is her letter.

AUGUST 16, 1984.

Thank you for your consideration and attention today when I called to introduce myself and the Clarion Hotel Denver Airport. We are pleased to invite you to hold the National Convention here in 1985.

As you may be aware, we have recently changed our name from Stouffer's Denver Inn. Our same fine service and management remain with the enhancement of several million dollars in recently completed redecorating and remodeling of guest rooms and dining facilities.

The 588 guest rooms are spacious and attractively appointed. When coupled with our 22,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, the Clarion Hotel Denver Airport creates a perfect setting for your meeting. We offer fine gourmet dining in the Oak Room as well as outstanding food and entertainment service in our several facilities.

As a first class hotel, we provide the many special "extras" to assure your meeting participants of a particularly pleasureable stay:

Complimentary happy hour Monday through Friday;
Complimentary morning coffee and newspaper delivered to guest rooms;
Complimentary transportation to and from the airport;
Free movie and sports channel;
Large indoor swimming pool, hot tub and saunas;
Free guest parking.

GUEST ROOMS

A single nine story building encompasses all sleeping rooms. Many have mountain views and all are warmly decorated.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

I believe you voiced particular interest in wheelchair rooms and access to all areas of the hotel. We have 12 permanent wheelchair rooms and, upon request and further information on specific needs, can alter additional rooms for handicapped access. We offer the following services:

Wide doorways to guest rooms/bathroom doors;
Long phone cords that reach to bed in guest rooms;
Wide doorway front entrance, to all restaurants and lounges;
Table spacing in all facilities (food and beverage outlets) to allow wheelchair seating anywhere;
Ramp to pool, outdoor patio and all parking areas;
All wheelchair rooms near elevators;
Linens and light switches within easy reach;
Wheelchair restroom stalls on public floor areas;
No escalators or stairs except in emergency exits.

MEETING SPACE

We have ample meeting space to comply with your meeting specifications. Our convention center has been recently renovated to offer ideal facilities and service. With comparable guest room block, accompanying meeting space would be complimentary. For September 1985, we will be pleased to offer you a special group rate on approximately 70 guest rooms of $49.00 single or double occupancy, per room per night.

Our normal public rates are expected to be $88.00 single/$100 double occupancy at that time. So this reflects a significant savings. If you can meet around the Labor Day Holiday, we could extend a rate of $39.00 single or double occupancy, per room per night.

We are located approximately ten minutes from some of the city's most popular attractions (Denver Botanical Gardens/Zoological Gardens/Denver Art Museum/U.S. Mint/Larimer Square Shops and Restaurants/Cherry Creek fine shopping boutiques and restaurants). Sightseeing into the beautiful Rocky Mountains via Interstate 70, to which we are adjacent.

You may be familiar with our lovely shopping area called Cherry Creek (Denver's equivalent to Rodeo Drive). Its unique boutiques, fine department stores and great restaurants are very close by. For large groups, we can work with you to provide shuttle transportation between the hotel and Cherry Creek for afternoon shopping or lunch at leisure.

A complete group planning packet is enclosed along with sample food and beverage menus. I will contact you in late August to further discuss the possibility of your placing this meeting with us and the role we are ready and eager to play in accomplishing your most successful meeting ever!

We have a great property to offer and an outstanding atmosphere of hospitality and service. I am definitely interested in working with you and anticipate our next discussion.

Best regards

SUSAN MANILDI,
National Sales Manager.

Adjutant General COPE. They have included a sheet describing their requirements and they have also included a set of menus which I have had duplicated. I added the prices from their price sheet. Now I do feel the prices for the meals are a little high but the room prices they are offering are reasonable.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. Is that downtown, Beulah?

Adjutant General COPE. No it is at the Airport.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. You call it the Clarion.

Adjutant General COPE. Yes. It is now the Clarion. They say it had been called Stouffer's Denver Inn but it was Ramada Inn that Kitty talked to. I did see somewhere that the Brown Palace is a Clarion Hotel. That one is in downtown Denver and is an old hotel. The one they talked to Kitty about is out at the airport. They sent some nice pictures and it is close to the airport but looks to be some distance from downtown. Do you know anything about that one Mr. Embree?

JIMMY EMBREE. No I've wanted to stay there but I have not.

Adjutant General COPE. Well I take it that their prices are ordinarily quite a bit higher but they certainly have come down.

Chairman STIEGER. Aircoa is the name of a group of business men who buy up these hotels. It was just because I had been using the hotel in Schenectady for 8 years that I talked to them.

Adjutant General COPE. Well for instance in their menus, last night we had boneless breast of chicken and their price is $13.25 and then you add tax and service to it. Tonight we are having baked Virginia ham. Their price for that is $10.25 and of course you have to add tax and service, so it seemed to me their prices are no higher than lots of other restaurants. The standard breakfast of bacon and eggs is $6.50 which is a little higher than we are used to but they do have a nice variety. Chicken, ham or tuna salad is $7.75 and that does seem a little high.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. That is too high.

Adjutant General COPE. Well you do have to pay that much in some of the places where you are going.

JIMMY EMBREE. That place is rather isolated. There is no shopping. I thought this might be like it but there is a lot of shopping here.

Adjutant General COPE. There is a shopping area on every corner here, one very large modern one across the street, this is our first experience at coming out into the country for a convention.

I have a couple I have not followed up on. I had a letter from Rick Loven at the Galt House. He indicated that if we wanted to come back to Louisville, he would be glad to have us. Rick Loven took care of us when we were at the Galt House before. I didn't follow up on it because airline travel in and out of Louisville is not as good as when we were there and we had trouble getting in and out. The Manager of the Seelback in Louisville called me after last years convention and said she would put in an application this year but I have not heard from her. I was afraid the Seelback would be too high. It is closer to down town Louisville but has been more expensive than the Galt in the past.

Now I have had letters from the Springfield Illinois Convention Bureau asking if we wouldn't be interested in going there. I have checked over their list of hotels but I could find only one that looked like it might do. I don't think we would find Springfield much of a convention city. The only hotel which looked adequate for us is the Hilton of Springfield. They have 408 rooms and 12 meeting rooms and they have a variety of rates. They quoted rates of $44 to $64 single and rates of $54 to $74 for doubles. Some of you have been to Springfield.

Acting Commander in Chief Lapan. That is Springfield what.

Adjutant General Cope. Illinois, the capital of Illinois.

Acting Senior Vice Commander Shakespeare. The Chief was there a week or so ago.

Acting Commander in Chief Lapan. There is a Springfield in Massachusetts. I guess there is one in every State.

Adjutant General Cope. I spoke to Ed Ryan about Springfield, Massachusetts but he didn't think they could handle it. They have one hotel in Chicopee that might be able to take care of us.

Acting Commander in Chief Lapan. That is a small town.

Chairman Stieger. How are you going to get to Springfield?

Adjutant General Cope. I don't know.

Acting Senior Vice Commander Shakespeare. Mr. McCurry of the Stars and Stripes is waiting. He'd like to have about 3 minutes or so.

Adjutant General Cope. He can come in anytime. We were just going ahead and talking about things.

Acting Senior Vice Commander Shakespeare. This is Mr. Dan McCurry, the Editor of the Stars and Stripes here from Washington, D.C.

Dan McCurry. Commander Mendel, I've never had the pleasure of meeting you yet.

Commander in Chief Mendel. Excuse me. Take a seat sir.

Dan McCurry. I've seen most of the features in this room on the pages of the Stars and Stripes. If I haven't seen your pictures I've seen your by-lines. It's a pleasure to be here with you. You've got some newspapers, this week's issue which we ran a special edition on your meeting. They're at the bus station hopefully soon. Because they are not here I had the foresight, sometimes I have that, of bringing the editorial which I wrote about your meeting which I'd like to share with your now. It is called "The Spanish-American War Veterans muster again."

"They fought along side men who had heard the cries of combat at Gettysburg, Antietam and Shiloh. They themselves heard the charge up San Juan Hill and many felt the tall oaks shatter in Belleau Woods. Now they must imagine the lazor weapons of a satellite battlefield, these veterans of the Spanish American War. Yet they still live and walk, however slowly, from the pages of our history. They answer again this week of the roll call in Dubuque, Iowa with another convention of the veterans, their auxiliary and sons and daughters.

Not one member is younger than ninety-seven and each year may be their last. Charles Kurault will not be on their road. No national wire service will cover the commemorations which recollect their glory. This is not so much out of purposeful neglect as out of a lack of memory that such heroes remain with us.

For the Stars and Stripes their presence is close indeed. The building in which we work in the nations capital remains covered with their names. Our building was their headquarters, the Spanish American War Veterans. We were their newspaper. Their war was the first war which we covered and their story is carried on a special page in the newspaper each week. Each corner of every room of our offices is filled with their memories and still holds many of their mementos and photos. From every room of our headquarters and from every weekly page of our 107 years, we stand once again in a long and firm salute."

That was the editorial which will be found this week in the newspaper.

Three questions have come up since I've been here. First is how in the world do you put the newspaper together for our page. The second is why is Si Klegg still there. They go together. I put this page together in a very simple process. When a report comes to me and sometimes they don't get to me directly. Sometimes they don't get to me at all. They are stamped with a date and they are placed in the back of the folder which is entitled Spanish American War page. When I'm putting the paper together each week, I go to the front of that folder and I pull out those pieces that came in first and we put those in the newspaper. If the piece that you've written has not been in, its because they are behind somebody else's piece that came in first. There is only one exception to that rule and that is when I look at the page and I think it needs a photograph and I can't find one in the morgue and the pieces that are up first have no photographs with them, then I will flip back through until I find a piece with a photograph and I run it because it is my job to put together the best page I can. I want at least one photograph if at all possible on the Spanish American War page. Some of your correspondents are very good about sending pictures. Some aren't. And if I don't have a picture I'll go looking for one. That's how the page is put together.

Si Klegg. Now Si Klegg was there before I was there and while I don't take responsibility for starting it, I certainly take responsibility for continuing it. The reason is that he was a Spanish American War Veteran, the guy that put it together and its good copy. That is the other reason it's there. More importantly we go from feast to famine on that page. Right now the folder is this thick. A lot of articles. People like their scrap books to be filled when they come to the national convention.

That's fair but, in three or four months I'll be going back where the cockroaches and the rats live to the archives to dig out material to put on that page. I can't have a blank space there. Just can't have it. With the material there to fill it up year round, each issue then I'll be happy to kiss Si Klegg goodby. Until that time that's one feature that some people like. It's been there regularly and I very strongly hesitate to take him out because I'm afraid you all won't fill the paper. So I cut back in your quota, Now there's a problem in all that. I don't mean to sit up there in Washington and say that's how its got to be. I don't feel that way, I've been asked this question in each group. Which says for instance we're going to have reports on our convention coming up next week and week after next. Under the normal process those would go in the back of the file and there's two recent pieces there about the previous convention to be run. Now shouldn't we have enough sense to put the piece about this convention in the front of the file. I hesitate to do this because those people and your correspondents are very good, better than many. They have sent in good clean copy that they have spent hours laboring over. They are not going to take it kindly if their copy doesn't appear unless the publicity directors of each of the organizations get together and give me a note that says for our organization this takes priority and this takes priority. Then I'm covered. Then I'm not looking around at your page or in your organization. I need that guidance. Otherwise the calendar will rule. That's the only way to be fair about it.

There is another request I have of you all. Now we need and I hope deserve to print the material that you send us but we also need and I hope deserve your subscriptions. We are not getting the slap stick in this newspaper nor the comics its true. I intend to run a good business. That means I am after subscriptions for that business to run. The customer is always right.

You may have noticed that since I've been editor there has been a great more material about various reunions around the country. There are three reasons for that. The first thing, I thought the World War II veterans were getting slighted. They got lost between Vietnam and general news. Well I sought them out. Well they had never been sought out before. Secondly they were nice enough to pay me to come to their meetings and talk to them, which also gave me a way of finding out who they were and what they were doing and collect the material. But thirdly they make good copy and they subscribe. It's a very simple equation. I intend our newspaper to service our subscribers. That's how we ought to be and that's how we're going to be. So I ask you, I beg you, we need your subscriptions. We need your news. Look into the scrap books in the other room there. I found some wonderful material, mementos, poems, songs and other papers which I would love to run and have copies of them. My file presently on your organization is mighty skimpy. Most of these items here come in and go out. Our previous files are probably the best files the organization has. It's on file in the Library of Congress and we've covered every war since the Spanish American War. I request of you to go back and look through your former scrap books. If you've got the pieces of your history, or your traditions, the songs, poems, stories I'd love to have a series. You want me to stop Si Klegg. Then you send me a long, long story about the Spanish American War written by participants. That's good copy.

You've been noticing that we've been doing over the World War I page. Jimmie Rhodes a former security guard down in Houston sent me a big thick manuscript. The man writes very well. He kicked it in a corner until he saw in the Stars and Stripes that we needed copy and then he came running. Another gentleman sent in a piece from World War I. It wasn't very good copy and we didn't run it. It wasn't put together in a way, well I had to do all the editing. There are four of us that run the newspaper. Anything that's written in there that I can't find somewhere else I'll run. I don't have a lot of time. I spend a lot of time marking up manuscripts. This is the way it works and I'm not apologizing. I wish I could do better for you and for everybody else but until we get more subscribers to head more staff we can't do better so we need your help there. Send me good copy in terms of longer pieces. Send me photographs. I can use color but prefer black and white. I can use polaroid if its simple and good clean contrasts. Couple of folks if you've got black and white, otherwise you lose it and its like two black spots and a wide space at a table. We can't do better than the way we do photographs. We just can't. I'd like to have your poems and songs, your traditions; you'll get anything back if you need copies. We are not worried about losing folks stuff. I don't do that. Everything gets sent back that is sent in. I still worry about that. We invite you to come up if you are ever in Washington and see what we do and how we do it.

Chairman **Stieger**. I've been there. In 1962 I was there.

Dan McCurry. This is my first time away from the barn. This is my first 2 weeks out since I've been editor of the paper. But I only did it by staying up nights, four nights in a row to get out this week, so I don't get out much. I need to get out because I like to hear your criticisms. I like to hear your suggestions. We need them. They are precious and please send them in and don't be hesitant. I don't have to listen to you, so be as forceful as you want to be. I'm thick skinned. Tell me what's right or what's wrong and nine times out of ten I'll call you back and talk to you about it. I've yet not to follow a good suggestion. We need those very much. I want you to consider it your newspaper and make it that. The whole page, the whole paper. Drop me letters to the editor. We always need good letters to the editor. Finally you all belong to other organizations that also have reunions. That's often all unless someone writes me a post card having sent in a reunion notice for the past 20 years. The only way I hear about things is through the populace. We are no different than a college that gets new students because the Alumni want their sons and daughters to go there. I'd be interested in suggestions you would have for feature stories, long serials. I'm starting a serial this week on military colleges. Military people have a lot of kids. I found out we have a large number of subscribers in the elementary school libraries in federally impacted areas around the country. We haven't been touching on it. But I've taken more time than I promised I would. Now if you have any questions, I'm at your disposal.

Chairman **Stieger**. I'd like to ask you when was the actual date that the Stars and Stripes opened in the building they are in.

Dan McCurry. I couldn't tell you ma'am.

Chairman **Stieger**. Didn't that used to be our building?

Dan McCurry. We celebrate our anniverary the third week in October each year.

Chairman **Stieger**. You know why I'm asking you that. Because my father, I'm from England, was born in England and my father served in World War I. I have a Stars and Stripes from him when he was in France in 1916.

Dan McCurry. That would have been the European. That was when General Pershing's troops were on the continent. They asked the National Tribune—Stars and Stripes to help them create a newspaper. In the intermediate years they bought the use of the name. In World War I they printed in five different editions of the Stars and Stripes in Europe. In World War II an equal number were reprinted. We have the Domestic edition. The contract said that we take subscriptions etc. and everything else.

Adjutant General Cope. It wasn't called the Stars and Stripes at that time.

Dan McCurry. I looked at some of the old Mastheads. We used to be called the National Guardsman, The New Statesman. We've still got eight different proofs. In fact in 1914 I saw an article and clipped it out about Spanish American War Veterans talking about how happy they were that whatever newspaper this organization had was now becoming part of the Stars and Stripes. I forget the name but the name was to be put on the masthead.

Acting Senior Vice Commander Shakespeare. Thank you very much, Mr. McCurry.

Dan McCurry. It is my pleasure to be here and I hope to hear from you in pictures and stories and on page 15 or 14 of each issue there is a subscription blank, if you didn't know that.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Embree. I used to subscribe to the National Tribune when it was 25¢ and then a dollar.

I missed a few years moving from place to place but I got it in as soon as possible.

Dan McCurry. What year was that?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Embree. 1901 and I'm still taking it.

Dan McCurry. Thank you sir.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Embree. And I've got another story I can tell you.

Jimmy Embree. Another time dad.

Dan McCurry left at this time.

Acting Commander in Chief Lapan. Are you going to read anything else?

Adjutant General Cope. Well I have another hotel in Chicago, the Bismarck on Randolph at LaSalle. I have a letter from Charles F. Granberg, Director of Sales. I wrote back and told him that the rates he quoted in his letter were high because I had checked in "Meetings and Conventions" and they quoted lower convention rates than he did. In his letter he gave rates of $55 to $75 singles and twins and doubles at $68 to $85. The book gave rates of $45 single and $55 double. He then asked for more information about the organization which I gave him. He then quoted me rates of $35 single and $44 double. He said this is a fine hotel located right downtown. So handy for shopping as you could get everywhere. It is located in the central loop. It has 550 rooms, 52 suites and 16 meeting rooms. It is 19 miles from the airport and it does not have limousine service.

I have not gone any further after I found that a lot of people didn't like the idea of going to Chicago. Now we haven't contacted anything in Cleveland either.

You know we've turned down Cleveland three years in succession. I've been told that the Cleveland people have said that it was up to us to ask them to submit a bid and they would. I did check some of the hotel publications I have. We had considered Hollenden House and Bond Court the past two years. They are considered suitable down town hotels. We used them when we had our last convention in Cleveland quite a number of years ago. They have been refurbished and fixed up but they are a bit on the expensive side.

The Hollenden House quotes convention rates of $62 single and $74 double and tax is 12½ percent. The hotel that the Cleveland people wanted us to consider was the Holiday Inn Lakeside which is down on the lake. It is owned by the National Hospitality Corporation. They call it Holiday Inn Lakeside City Center and their rates are $33 single and $39 double. Sales tax in Ohio is 6½ percent and the room tax in Cleveland is 6 percent so that runs high and that would increase it by that much. Those are of course cheap rates.

Stouffer's Inn is in Cleveland but that's expensive too. It is downtown in the center of the city but its rates are $60 single and $70 double. I also checked on one of the hotels out in the suburban area out at Cleveland State University. There is a Holiday Inn out there. They do have reasonable rates but they are quite a ways out. Their rates are $38 and $43 for singles and doubles. I understand Ruth Knoll stayed at this Lakeside and she had a wonderful time.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. This Lakeside, is it a little out of Cleveland?

Adjutant General **Cope**. No it is right downtown but not near the shopping areas. It's ten blocks from where the stores are. It is near the Federal Building where the Post Office is and the V.A. Regional Office. The Hollenden House and Bond Court are down closer to the center of the city. The Convention Center is also down there.

Ruth Syler. That would be about half a mile.

Anne Garber. Isn't there a bus through there?

Adjutant General **Cope**. Yes, the Rapid Transit brings you in from the Airport to the center of the city but it is quite some distance from the hotel so I'm told.

Ruth Syler. Well then in other words we can't go to Cleveland unless we ask them.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Yes, if we want to go there. I talked to Mr. Backus last night and told him what the problem is and asked if they could come up with something a little further out. They did say they were talking only about the hotel being all right. The area is not good.

Chairman **Stieger**. The biggest headache is when they ask you exactly how many people will be there.

Adjutant General **Cope**. We've figuring on 150 and asking for a block of 70 rooms. That's what we are working on here.

Chairman **Stieger**. I don't think you'll have 150.

Adjutant General **Cope**. We had 160 in Jacksonville Beach and we used a lot of rooms.

Chairman **Stieger**. We don't have that many here.

Adjutant General **Cope**. I know that. We have about 120 but we do have our guota of rooms. There is not a room in the hotel vacant right now.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Well just for the fun of, just to get an idea, what hotel on this list would you like to go to.

Chairman **Stieger**. Well to be honest I don't know. I know I wouldn't go back to Jacksonville Beach. To me I could spend the money a whole lot better in Orlando.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Well how about you Ruth. If you had a choice of these hotels which one would you pick.

Ruth Syler. Well I don't know either.

Chairman **Stieger**. This is just a discussion. It is not to settle anything as I can't speak for the others.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. How about you Anne, which one would you choose?

Anne Garber. Well I would go wherever it was. Our Pittsburgh group would go. There are only four of us from Pennsylvania. If it was in Cleveland some of those from Harrisburg might go.

Ruth Adamson. We have been cutting the convention down from 5 to 4 days. Those of our people who want to go shopping let them get themselves a bus and go to a shopping area. Thus I don't think we need to consider their shopping ideas. Cut it down to four days and we'll get our business taken care of. That's what we came for. I read something recently. People who go to conventions don't go for the convention business. They go and wait for the next bus so they can see what's to be seen.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Would you go to Cleveland?

Anne Garber. I would go to Cleveland. I think it is as safe as many others. Pittsburgh is one of the safest cities around but you get mugged there too if you are not careful. As I remember the big convention in Cleveland it was at the Convention Center. Col. Arnold had taken us and that was in the beginning of the war. I remember my father so that must have been in 1942.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. How about you Ruth?

Ruth Syler. I don't come to conventions to go shopping. If I need to shop I do it before I come. That I don't agree with, that they have it so they can go shopping.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. I would take Cleveland if they can find a place that is suitable.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. How about that Lakeside. Isn't that all right?

Acting Senior Vice Cammander **Shakespeare**. It sounds good. I like the idea that it's on the water. I know we have a lot of people in Ohio and since they are interested I could not say no.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. How about you comrade. Where would you like to go.

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. Cleveland is a good town but I don't know about the location. No matter how good the town if the location is no good you should pass it. I think Chicago is a dangerous place.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Well when they talked about Cleveland I was against it because they didn't want it downtown. Lakeside sounds good. It might be real good. You have the number of rooms. You have your meeting rooms. The restaurant is good. Now this year we've got a real good restaurant. Last year I didn't like the restaurant. I paid $21 for a chicken dinner for the two of us.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. Where is that other Holiday Inn in Cleveland?

Ruth Syler. It is out quite a ways as I understand it.

Adjutant General **Cope**. It is out at the State University. It is at 2160 Euclid Ave. They had reasonable rates. It was $38 and $43 and the Holiday Inn Lakeside was $33 and $39.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. I certainly don't want to walk 15 miles to get there.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. Do we have any members in or around Savannah. Is that far from Fitzgerald?

Adjutant General **Cope**. They have nothing in Savannah. They could take Augusta because they do have some active members. Virginia Carswell and Bessie Spears live in Augusta.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Well I still have Springfield that I haven't done anything with.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. Commander Mendel was there about two weeks ago. Mr. Mendel do they have nice hotels in Springfield? Where did you stay?

Commander in Chief **Mendel**. Yes it is a very nice town. I never stayed over night. It is quite picturesque.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. I've been in Springfield. It's been five years. There is a big hotel right downtown.

Adjutant General **Cope**. They only have a small Auxiliary in Springfield and the Illinois Department only has a council meeting once a year. It would be hard to get local people to help.

Do you want to put it up to the Auxiliary and ask if any Department will volunteer or what do you want to do?

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. I still think if you go to these professionals who arrange these things and do nothing else and the whole deal is taken care of by them and you don't have to do a thing. When you walk in your room it is all fixed. You know exactly what room you are going to have. You just tell them how many hours you need and they have the whole thing all set up. So you pay a hundred or two hundred, so what. They do the whole thing and you don't have to do a thing.

Adjutant General **Cope**. But it is expensive and you do have to pay for it but of course the hotel is glad to set it up.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. We were there almost a week. The transportation was there when you walked in. The meals were paid for. You didn't have to pay anything. Everything was arranged in advance.

Adjutant General **Cope**. I had one hotel like that last year but you didn't want to consider it. Arthur Lou had checked on it and he didn't recommend it because it was a resort place away from the city.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. We'll recess now and start again tomorrow. In the meantime try to get some information on Cleveland.

The meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m.

FINAL BUSINESS SESSION

Sunday, August 26, 1984

The final session was called to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Cable Car Room of the Dubuque Inn, Dubuque, Iowa with Acting Commander in Chief Lapan presiding.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. The meeting will come to order. Our Acting Chaplain in Chief will now invoke the blessing.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. Almighty Father, we bow our heads humbly before Thee this morning and thank Thee for the great privilege Thou hast accorded us by permitting us to assemble here again this morning. Be with us in this the last meeting of our convention.

We pray that the incoming officers of this organization will be given wisdom by Thee, strength and courage to carry on and lead us in the paths that are before us in the years to come.

As we leave this hall for our homes in the various parts of the country, we pray that Thou wilt give us a safe journey home and keep within our hearts constantly the love for one another.

These few things, our Father, we ask in Thy name and with Thy Blessing. Amen.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. We are working on the selection of a convention city. We have other things to do besides but we should get this out of the way. Beulah has some things from the Cleveland people which are supposed to clarify one of the faults we found with Cleveland in the past. It isn't ten blocks from the stores. It is two blocks. There is a mall and it's two blocks away. If you want to go to other things, hop a bus for 45¢ each way. You can walk the two blocks. Backus works across the street and that is what he said.

Adjutant General **Cope**. I was talking to Mildred Backus about it. That is a bus in front of the hotel not the Rapid Transit. She didn't have too much information on the meeting rooms.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. They had their convention there. She said the rooms are bigger than these.

Adjutant General **Cope**. She wasn't sure what else they had besides the room they used which is a room about the size of the Auxiliary room here. They only had six people. I talked to Mildred at some length and she does not have that information. She said the hotel has 18 floors and a view of the lake.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. It is downtown. It is an 18 story building adjacent to a mall. It has restaurants. It has all kinds of stores, clothing, grocery stores, deli's. It is a regular mall but it is the lower floor of a business building.

Ruth Syler. After all we can depend on Backus. He lives right there.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. That's considered the center of the city now.

Adjutant General COPE. The Convention Center is up the other way and that's where the big stores are.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. That's the old city. Why do you need the big stores? The new city is where they are building out along the lake front.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAPESPEARE. When we were in Cleveland before do you remember which hotels were used.

Adjutant General COPE. The veterans used Hollenden House; the Auxiliary was in the Cleveland which is now Stouffers; the Sons and Daughters were in the Auditorium. The Bond Court is now on that site.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. Bill will you answer any questions. Now how far is the Hotel Lakeside to the mall?

WILLIAM BACKUS. It's 4 blocks.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. And how far is 4 blocks, a half or three-quarters of a mile.

WILLIAM BACKUS. Yes or you can get a shuttle bus for a quarter. Takes you right to the center of town.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. For 25 cents down and 25 cents back? Do you know anything about hotel rates? What we know is around $38.

WILLIAM BACKUS. We paid $39.00 coming down.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. Do they charge for meeting rooms there?

Adjutant General COPE. Not if you have sufficient people.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. Do they have a parking garage?

WILLIAM BACKUS. Yes they do. It is free. If you want to go out you just have your ticket punched.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. Can the ladies bring their own cookies?

WILLIAM BACKUS. Yes. We had our state convention there. Anything we wanted was gotten.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. If I want to go for a stroll or something what's around there besides the lake.

WILLIAM BACKUS. Actually if you wanted to go down town and take a stroll which isn't too far, you've got the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. It is safe to walk out. Really safe.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. One other question. Maybe it was covered when I was at the other meeting. How do you get from the airport for those coming in by plane.

WILLIAM BACKUS. You walk out in the airport to the Rapid Transit. It's 17 minutes from the Airport to the center of town. That is $1.00. The Holiday Inn also has shuttle service. There is no charge but one would have to call the Inn and arrange for them to pick you up.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. Sales tax in Ohio. Is that 12%?

Adjutant General COPE. No sales tax is 6½% and room tax is 6%. That adds up to 12½% on rooms.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. Is the sales tax on everything like food etc.?

Acting Commander CLISBEE. Did you say the rooms were $33?

Adjutant General **Cope**. Singles are $33 and $39 for doubles.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. That's another thing I want to bring up. Ohio has a tax exemption number so we won't have to pay tax on food functions.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. Will they give a free room for the Commander in Chief?

William Backus. Well they gave Ruth Knoll one when she was here. Mrs. Donovan took care of that. She's the one who bent over backward for us.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. What was that I heard about free soda.

William Backus. For the Ohio convention we had coffee and soft drinks in the back of the meeting room. Everything at no cost to us. They have four meeting rooms that I know of. They may have more. They do have movable walls.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. How do the meals run compared to here.

William Backus. I really don't know. The woman took care of the banquet.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. Do you know how many able bodied women they have in Ohio who would be able to get out and work on a convention.

William Backus. I really don't know.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Anybody else got any question or are you satisfied. Well then we'll go back to business.

Ruth Syler. Do we have to vote on it?

Adjutant General **Cope**. Yes you will have to vote since we have at least one other definite one.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Well just the three best ones.

Chairman **Stieger**. What are the rates?

Adjutant General **Cope**. The rate they sent was $45 single or double plus 6% tax. That's the rate after Labor Day. He mentions dates of September 9 to 12.

Chairman **Stieger**. Then the tax at Jacksonville Beach would be $2.70 or a total of $47.70.

Ruth Syler. Didn't they have singles the last time we were here.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Yes they did. The rates were $38 single and $44 double.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Yes we will have to vote on Jacksonville Beach.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Well then there are the Clarion Hotels in Denver and Colorado Springs. The Denver one is out at the airport and Jimmy Embree didn't recommend Colorado Springs. So I guess the ones you want to vote on are Jacksonville Beach and Cleveland. Taxes are high in Chicago. Prices are more reasonable in Springfield but that may be a hard place to get to. They have only a small airport.

Chairman **Stieger**. You have three sets of room rates here. Cleveland, Jacksonville Beach and Denver.

Adjutant General **Cope**. I have ballots here so we vote. Everyone in the room except Evelyn Fischer is entitled to a vote.

Chairman Stieger passed out the ballots and collected them. There were nine votes cast. Seven were for Cleveland and two for Jacksonville Beach.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Cleveland, Ohio will be the site of the 1985 National Convention.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. If the Auxiliary is still meeting should they be given that information.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Yes. That is a good idea. Will you notify them.

Chairman **Stieger**. May I go to the Daughters?

[Chairman Stieger left to go to the Daughters.]

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. We can now take up the budget.

Chairman **Stieger**. I visited the Daughters and told them we are going to Cleveland and they were very pleased. They did say they would like for the convention to start on either a Saturday or Sunday.

Evelyn Fischer. I think this works very well. The folks who want to stay can. I know some of the working girls were very unhappy. Edith had to take another week of her vacation in order to stay until Monday. Then there is one who only gets one week now and another later so having it all in one week is a life saver.

Adjutant General **Cope**. We still have to decide on a date. The rules say anytime between August 1 and October 15. Some of our people can't come after Labor Day.

Evelyn Fischer. I was talking about Edith. They have to put their vaction schedule up in March. School teachers can't come after Labor Day.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. I'd like the second week in September.

Adjutant General **Cope**. Labor Day comes on the 2nd of September. You could start it on the 7th of September.

Ruth Syler. Let's have it in August.

Adjutant General **Cope**. You could start on August 24th and that would take it to the 27th. That might suit the Lou's

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. The meetings will overlay with four days.

Adjutant General **Cope**. I am going home and work up a new schedule. They will still overlap some. We will have to have a schedule to show the hotel.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. The first choice would be August 24 to 27th or 28th, The second choice will be the week after Labor Day, that would be September 7 to 10th. The auxiliary voted to go back to Saturday. That would be registration on Saturday and the Rats Dinner. Are the majority in favor of that. We will have to see what the hotel can give us.

Do you want to read the budget?

Adjutant General **Cope**. The proposed budget was read and items with a proposed change were discussed. There were four items with proposed changes. The first was the auditing fee which had been $160. We had agreed to pay the cost of shipping the books to New Hampshire for audit. In the past Acting Commander Lapan had paid the shipping costs back from New Hampshire but now he is no longer living there and the auditor will have to ship the books.

The cost this year was $6.91. Thus I have recommended an increase of $10 to $170 for the audit.

Unemployment Compensation Taxes (Federal) have been materially increased. We allowed $100 last year and spent $129.60 so I have recommended an increase of $40 to $140 total for this item.

Printing and stationery.—We allowed $175 but we only used $142.41. Our membership is down and although we have a large amount of correspondence I am proposing to reduce that item to $150 a decrease of $25.

This year $275 was allowed for telephone service. With the change in telephone costs we spent $255.21. Rates are expected to increase so am proposing to increase that item to $300. This gives us a total proposed budget of $6,915 as compared with $6,865 in 1983–84 or a net increase of $50.00.

A copy of the complete report appears in the Reports Section.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. Well are there any changes or do you want to approve it.

Acting Senior Vice Commander SHAKESPEARE. Acting Commander in Chief I move the acceptance of the budget with the $50 increase.

Acting Chaplain in Chief STRETZ. I second it.

The motion was placed and approved unanimously.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. We'll have the installation of the acting officers. I'll install you and then you can install me.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief elect Robert E. Shakespeare and Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief elect Catherine E. Stieger repeated the obligation in unison as given by Acting Commander in Chief Lapan.

Acting Commander in Chief elect Joseph Arnold Lapan repeated the obligation as given by Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief Robert E. Shakespeare.

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief SHAKESPEARE. Thank you and congratulations.

Acting Commander in Chief LAPAN. Do you want to take up those letters now.

Adjutant General COPE. This is the letter which I read at the Council meeting from Congressman Bill Emerson.

AUGUST 13, 1984.

I have introduced legislation to name the Poplar Bluff Regional V.A. Medical Center in honor of General J. "Black Jack" Pershing. General Pershing was certainly one of Missouri's most famous and favorite sons. During World War I, as commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces, it was General Pershing who insisted that American troops be allowed to fight as a group, rather than as units in the armed forces of our allies. Ultimately, it was those American forces that turned the tide on what appeared to be a hopeless situation and defeated the Kaiser's army.

In order for the Veterans Affairs Committee to report such a bill to the whole house it must have the support of every Congressionally chartered veterans group. If I can get the endorsement of your organization, this bill can be considered in September before Congress adjourns. Without your endorsement, the Veterans Affairs Committee will not schedule this bill for action.

I hope you will join with me to honor this great American and Missourian. Please lend your endorsement to this legislation by writing me a letter of support as soon as possible. Your help will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

BILL EMERSON,
Member of Congress.

Resolutions Chairman SYLER. You gave it to me with the suggestion that we make it a resolution. In talking it over with Arnold and Bob I have composed a letter. It just says:

Congressman BILL EMERSON,
Ninth District of Missouri,
Cannon Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN EMERSON: The National Organization of the United Spanish War Veterans give their full support to name the Poplar Bluff Regional V.A. Medical Center in honor of General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing.

This was passed on unanimously by the delegates and Officers assembled at the 86th National Encampment in session at Dubuque, Iowa, August 23 to 26, 1984.

With kindest personal regards and well wishes, we are
Sincerely yours in F. P. & H.

Resolutions Committee Chairman SYLER. This is the Courtesy Resolution.

Whereas the United Spanish War Veterans and their affiliated organizations have been graciously received and entertained with true friendship and comradeship by the city of Dubuque, Iowa and the Encampment Committees with Catherine E. Stieger, P.N.F.C., Daughters, General Chairman, William C. Fischer, Sons, City Chairman, Evelyn Fischer, P.N.P., Auxiliary Convention Chairman, Vaughn Radabaugh, D.P., Auxiliary Convention City Chairman, Betty Jungk, Assistant Chairman, Robert E. Shakespeare, P.N.P., Sons, Convention Chairman, Nan Thomas, F.C., Daughters Convention Chairman and Edith V. Clisbee, Chairman, Military Order of Lizards for the 86th National Encampment which has been very enjoyable and profitable to our organization through the careful and intelligent planning and preparation of all committees, and

Whereas we have been given wonderful accommodations and a friendly welcome by the employees and staff of the Best Western Dubuque Inn and we wish to express our appreciation to Barbara E. Filer, Sales and Marketing Manager, Marcia (Micki) Stewart, Food and Beverage Manager and Sally Long, Restaurant Manager; also the Convention and Visitor's Division, Dubuque Area, Chamber of Commerce and Thomas F. Filer, manager, for his many services, local information and help with the registration, and

Whereas Vaughn Radabaugh, Auxiliary City Chairman assisted by her son and daughter-in-law arranged for two extra sightseeing tours for those arriving early and those staying over, to visit Dickeyville and Galena in addition to the most enjoyable boat trip and luncheon on the Mississippi and also arranged for enjoyable entertainment following all three of our major dinners by the "Hot Shots", "The Cloggers" and the "Singing Sheriff" and his two sons all of whom were most generous with their numbers, and

Whereas Robert E. Shakespeare as Publicity Chairman has arranged exceptional media coverage for our organization; William J. Morris, Chicago, Sons, S.A.W.V. designed and printed our very fine programs; William Wendt, Wartburg Theological Seminary gave us a very inspiring memorial address at the Joint Memorial Service; Dan McCurry, News Editor, Stars and Stripes—The National Tribune made a special trip from Washington, addressed each of the affiliate groups and arranged for copies of the current issue to be distributed to all persons attending the convention; and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cromien, Galva, Illinois and Jimmy Embree, Saratoga, California took time off from their work schedules to provide motor transportation for our two comrades, Mendel and Embree from their respective homes in Illinois and Kansas and return, and

Whereas many public officials and citizens have been most generous in the interest shown in our activities; we wish to express our thanks: to Tom Beurskins, representing the Honorable Jim Brady, Mayor of the City of Dubuque, at the Joint Opening Session and to Norman Bauer, Director, Veterans Administration Regional Office, Des Moines, representing the Honorable Harry N. Walters, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; our thanks to veterans organizations representatives; Donald E. Rudolph, National Secretary-Treasurer, Congressional Medal of Honor Society; Al. MacNaughton, Adjutant, Iowa Veterans Home, Marshalltown; Ronald Brown, N.E. Commandant, Department of Iowa, Marine Corps League; Earl Kelly the Grand Chef de Tran, The Grand Voiture du Iowa, Forty and eight; Bill Huebner, Vice Commander, Department of Iowa, The American Legion; Shirley Erikson, Department Commander, Iowa, AMVETS; John Baumhover, 9th District Commander, Department of Iowa, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Nick Lucy, Commander, Post No. 6, American Legion, Dubuque for their greetings, and

Whereas we wish to express or appreciation and thanks to all who participated in making our convention's many activities the success they were and wish space permitted mentioning each person who had a part, Now therefore be it

Resolved by the 86th National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans in convention assembled at Dubuque, Iowa, August 23-27, 1984 that we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the friendly reception and excellent entertainment we have received during our stay in this fine city, which we shall always remember and treasure.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Do I hear a motion to approve the resolution:

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. I move the approval of the resolution.

Acting Senior Vice Commander **Shakespeare**. I second it.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. It has been regularly moved and seconded to approve the resolution. All those in favor indicate by saying Aye. (Chorus of ayes) Contrary no. Hearing none I declare the motion carried.

Adjutant General **Cope**. I also have this letter from "The Association to save the Fort Sumter Flags" which I would like your opinion on.

August 1, 1984.

The Association to Save the Fort Sumter Flags, under the leadership of General William C. Westmoreland, U.S. Army (Ret.) seeks to raise from private sources approximately $300,000 to preserve and display three historic flags which flew over Fort Sumter, South Carolina, in the opening days of the Civil War.

Two of these flags are United States ensigns which are of interest almost equal to the Star Spangled Banner. The third is a unique Southern "Palmetta" flag. All three are at Fort Sumter National Monument, in custody of the U.S. National Park Service.

The brochure I am enclosing with this letter explains them fully and documents their poor condition—which must soon be remedied if the flags are ever to be put on display.

Working in collaboration with the National Park Service and the National Parks and Conservation Association, the association hopes to furnish funds to put the flags in condition to be exhibited and to provide planning design and construction of environmentally controlled cases which will preserve them indefinitely for public viewing at Fort Sumter.

We hope your organization will be able to make a contribution. Though we are receiving limited support from individuals and from patriotic organizations, our hope of reaching our final goal rests mostly upon the generosity of organizations able to give substantial sums.

The brochure fully explains the situation with respect to these valuable flags. I would like to emphasize again that this is a fundraising venture by private, patriotic citizens. No government funds are available. None will be forthcoming. The association does not indeed seek such funds. We believe that the preservation of these flags for the benefit of future generations is an undertaking which Americans can make possible without government assistance. I hope you will agree and give us what help you can.

If I can answer any questions or otherwise be of assistance, please call me at the News and Courier, Charleston, SC. The number is (803) 577-7111.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Wilcox,
Chairman.

Acting Chaplain in Chief **Stretz**. We could answer it and say we are in favor of it but cannot send any money.

Acting Commander in Chief **Lapan**. Is that satisfactory to the rest of you? If no objections it is so ordered. Does anyone else have anything to say before we close.

I now declare this 86th National Encampment adjourned, sine die until next year. A safe trip home to everybody.

[The encampment was ended at 12:45 p.m., Sunday, August 26, 1984.]

OFFICERS' REPORTS

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Report of the Acting Commander in Chief

Comrade S. Leroy Mendel,
Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V.

To the Officers and members in convention assembled I herewith submit the following report.

Due to circumstances beyond my control the first three months of this year were a nightmare. Things were happening so fast that I sort of lost control of what went on during that period. I apologize to the members assembled if this caused anyone problems related to the business of our organization and hope they will be understanding and forgiving. After March 1984 I regain my ability to function and perform the duties of my office efficiently and to the best interest of the National Organization, United Spanish War Veterans. I have always tried to work for the best interests and common good of this organization and I think I have been able to do a reasonably successful job.

Hoping this report meets with your approval.

Yours in Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity,

J. Arnold Lapan,
Acting Commander in Chief.

Report of the Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief

Comrade S. Leroy Mendel,
Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V.

The Department of Michigan, United Spanish War Veterans, lost its last Comrade November 23, 1983. Consequently, in accordance with the Department's plans and rules laid down by our Comrades many years ago, the Department no longer felt justified in accepting appropriations from the State of Michigan for the operation of the Department and Department Headquarters offices in Lansing.

As of January 30, state funds ceased. The Department supported the headquarters offices until June 30 in order to properly and safely transfer our records and memorabilia to the most appropriate functioning office. Ruth Syler, Director, and Department Adjutant Quartermaster, efficiently and carefully supervised the transfer of records to the State Archives, the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (composed of all veterans organizations), and eventually to Adjutant General Beulah Cope in Washington, D.C.

As of this date, our Department operates on a small basis however, questions regarding Comrades or their widows are still being answered and proper distribution of same being made to proper authorities.

Department Judge Advocate Charles Bond, and Department Chaplain James Daar, and I held five Council of Administration meetings; Brother Bond and I attended the funeral of Sister Catherine Wyman, Ruth Syler's mother; visited the Michigan Veterans

Facility on three occasions; made the presentation of $2,500 to the Michigan Veterans Facility; contributed Department funds, by vote of the Council and approval of Ruth Syler, $200 to the USS Olympia in c/o Arthur H. Lou; $100 to the Department of Iowa Auxiliary for convention purposes, c/o PNP Evelyn Fischer, Auxiliary Chairman; $100 to the USWV for convention purposes, c/o Adjutant General Beulah Cope; and I served as master of ceremonies at the testimonial and retirement banquet in honor of Ruth Syler held June 19 at the 40 & 8 building in Lansing.

I have answered numerous letters from the various Michigan veterans associations, called and sent cards to all known to be ill or suffering a death in the family, and composed a resolution regarding the Michigan USWV Comrades to Gov. James Blanchard.

Respectfully submitted

ROBERT E. SHAKESPEARE,
Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

Report of Adjutant General

AUGUST 10, 1984.

Comrade S. LEROY MENDEL,
Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V.

It has been an honor and a pleasure for me to have served you and our comrades as Adjutant General. I hereby submit my report for your current administration.

The work at National Headquarters has been kept as current as possible. To our National Officers, Acting National Officers, Acting Department Commanders and Adjutants, my sincere thanks for all of your help.

The funds of our organization are on deposit with the Riggs National Bank in Washington. A complete report as approved by the auditor is attached to this report. Our income is negligible except that this year we cashed our $10,000 Treasury Bond which had matured. Contributions to our Special Memorial Fund were only $289.00.

I have filed recently several applications for the Aid and Attendance Allowance for our widows. Processing is very slow but I have had cases approved in recent months and still have one case pending for a widow in Texas.

As of July 1984 there were 6,988 widows of Spanish American War Veterans, 884 helpless children and 22 veterans on the pension rolls. This was a loss of 1,094 widows, 53 children and 20 veterans during the past year; 4,906 widows are still receiving their pensions under the "Old law", 583 under Sec. 306 (Later Law) and 1,425 have changed over to the Improved Pension Law, Public Law 95-588.

We have issued three General Orders and ten Special Orders during this administration. The General Orders were sent to 135 persons including all veterans as well as acting national and department officers and some others who have requested that their names remain on our mailing list.

The proceedings of the Louisville Encampment have been mailed out to all remaining departments and camps and to all officers and our affiliate groups. We still have plenty of copies if anyone would like to have one. The proceedings for the Jacksonville Beach Encampment have been transcribed and will be ready for the printers shortly.

Our membership report represents the number of members on the roll as of July 1, 1983 and '84 I am sorry to say that the Departments of Georgia, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska and Oregon lost their last members during the year. The affiliate groups will continue to maintain some of these departments but the Departments of Georgia, Oregon and Nebraska have been disbanded. We had a total of 18 camps as of July 1, 1984 which represented a loss of 2 camps but 5 others have no members. Our camps have a membership of 9 veterans as compared with 19 last year or a loss of 10 members. In addition we have 5 members at large or a total of 13 members on July 1. I am sorry to say that we lost one of our members at large on July 21. As of now there are 22 veterans of the Spanish American War still alive the oldest being Harry Chaloner a member of the Cleveland Camp who was 110 in May and who lives at the V.A. facility at Bay Pines, Florida. Our second oldest member is Paul A. Mulkey a member of the Vancouver Camp who will be 107 in November. He served with the 45th U.S. Volunteer Infantry in the Philippines.

I represented Commander in Chief Mendel at Veterans Day Services at Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 1983, the burial service for the Unknown Vietnam veteran in Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day and the National Prisoner of War Recognition Day services at the White House on July 20th.

On April 7-8, 1984 I came here to Dubuque to meet with the various convention chairmen and others to set up plans for our current convention.

Our contacts with the Veterans Administration are excellent. Everyone is considerate and helpful. Our sincere thanks are tendered to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs Hon. Harry N. Walters for his interest and special consideration to our headquarters. Our thanks also to members of his staff for their services during the year.

I also wish to express my appreciation for publicity given us by the Stars and Stripes—The National Tribune, the acting editor Dan McCurry, Production Manager, Elouise J. Brown and the staff for their cooperation and especially for continuing our special page.

To you Comrade Mendel my thanks for the appointment and to all of you my sincere thanks for helpful advice and assistance whenever needed.

Respectfully submitted,

BEULAH M. COPE,
Adjutant General.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

[Number of Camps and members on roll by departments July 1, 1983 and 1984]

Department	Number of Camps			Number of members			
	1983	1984	Loss	1983	1984	Loss	Gain
California	4	2	2	4	2	2	......
Florida	1	1	......	1	1	......	......

MEMBERSHIP REPORT—Continued

[Number of Camps and members on roll by departments July 1, 1983 and 1984]

Department	Number of Camps			Number of members			
	1983	1984	Loss	1983	1984	Loss	Gain
Georgia[1]	1	0	1	1	0	1	
Illinois	1	1		1	1		
Iowa	1	1		1	1		
Kentucky	1	1		1	1		
Massachusetts	1	1		1	1		
Michigan	1	1	0	1	0	1	
Montana	1	1		1	0	1	
Nebraska[1]	1	1		1	0	1	
New York	1	1		0	1		1
New Jersey	1	1		1	1		
Ohio	1	1		1	1		
Oklahoma	0	0		0	0		
Oregon[1]	1	1		1	0	1	
Pennsylvania	1	1		0	0		
South Carolina[1]	1	1		1	0	1	
Washington and Alaska	2	2		2	1	1	
Sub total	21	18	3	19	9	11	1
Members at Large				6	5	1	
Total	21	18	3	25	14	12	1

[1] The Department of Georgia was disbanded June 23, 1984. Since July 1, 1984 the Departments of South Carolina, Oregon, and Nebraska have been disbanded due to the death of the last member.

DERRY, NH, *August 7, 1984.*

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
United Spanish War Veterans,
Washington, DC.

We have examined the Balance Sheet of the National Headquarters, United Spanish War Veterans as of June 30, 1984, and the Statement of Income and Expenses for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The accounts are maintained generally on a cash basis and differences between such basis and the accrual basis are relatively immaterial.

In our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenses present fairly the financial position of the National Headquarters, United Spanish War Veterans at June 30, 1984, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

RICHARD A. BURNS,
Certified Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT A

Balance Sheet, June 30, 1984

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash in Riggs National Bank:	
Checking account	362.66
Savings account	24,433.22
Total	24,795.88
Petty cash	100.00
Inventory—Supplies for sale	147.50
Prepaid expenses—Postage	29.07
Interest receivable—Treasury Bond	162.50
Property and equipment:	
Office furniture and equipment	3,387.20
Allowance for depreciation	2,897.60
Balance	489.60
Total Assets	24,724.55

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Current liabilities:	
Payroll taxes withheld:	
FICA	20.10
Federal withholding	43.00
Maryland withholding	38.19
Total	101.29
Capital account (exhibit B):	
Unappropriated Fund	1,773.65
Encampment Fund	(2,308.25)
Special Fund	26,157.86
Total	25,623.26
Total liabilities and capital account	25,724.55

EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1984

	Unappropriated fund	Encampment fund	Special fund	Combined fund
Income:				
Per capita tax	$7.50			$7.50
Sale of supplies	64.00			64.00
Interest on investments	1,387.77			1,387.77
Contributions			$289.00	289.00
Miscellaneous	100.00			100.00
Funds from disbanded camps	1,221.17			1,221.17
Total income	2,780.44		289.00	3,069.44
Expenses:				
Auditing fee	160.00			160.00
Taxes—Payroll	375.30			375.30
Taxes—Personal property	27.27			27.27
Encampment expenses (net)		$880.61		880.61
Equipment maintenance	100.40			100.40
Miscellaneous	172.57			172.57
Office supplies	58.93			58.93

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1984—Continued

	Unappropriated fund	Encampment fund	Special fund	Combined fund
Payroll	3,600.00			3,600.00
Postage and shipping	239.22			239.22
Printing and stationery	142.41			142.41
Purchase of supplies	72.00			72.00
Telephone	255.21			255.21
Surety bond	82.00			82.00
Depreciation	48.10			48.10
Total expenses	5,333.41	880.61		6,214.02
Income over (under) expenses	(2,552.97)	(880.61)	289.00	(3,144.58)
Capital account, July 1, 1983	4,326.62	(1,427.64)	25,868.86	28,767.84
Capital account, June 30, 1984	1,773.65	(2,308.25)	26,157.86	25,623.26

Report of Judge Advocate General

Comrade S. Leroy Mendel,
Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V.

To the members and officers in Encampment assembled I hereby submit my report.

Luckily this year was relatively peaceful. I was called upon only a few times for decisions or interpretations relating to this office. I answered promptly all mail received by me pertaining to matters relative to this office. Hoping this meets with your approval.

Yours in Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity,

J. Arnold Lapan,
Judge Advocate General

Report of the Chairman of the Publicity Committee

Comrade S. Leroy Mendel,
Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V.

I have tried at all times to submit on a periodic basis—news releases of our organizations and of its officers and members, to the Stars and Stripes, the Bamboo Shoots, and to other newspapers and news outlets.

Since the last convention in Jacksonville Beach, I have submitted 40 releases to the various news media. In addition, in preparation for this 1984 convention here in Dubuque, I sent a five page informational release, along with our joint opening session and memorial service program, to: KDUB-TV, Dubuque; KDTH-TV, Dubuque; Mike Miller at the Telegraph-Herald; State Editor, the DesMoines Register; Thomas Filer, Dubuque Convention and Visitors Bureau; and the Dubuque Chamber of Commerce plus 42 calls and 85 cards of notification on members deaths of our organizations.

I appreciate the fine cooperation and assistance of our Adjutant General Beulah Cope, and also of the Stars and Stripes-National Tribune.

My thanks to our various members who have sent interesting news item, relating to our organization or its members, from time to time.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Shakespeare,
Chairman, Publicity Committee.

Report of the National V.V.S. Representative

Comrade S. Leroy Mendel,
Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V.

It is my pleasure to submit the following report:

I attended the regularly scheduled meetings at the V.A. Medical Center in Philadelphia.

Correspondence and all other communications relating to all V.A.V.S. acknowledged.

September 30, 1983, attended the Change of Command at the Naval Base Philadelphia. Due to inclement weather it was held in Building 537 rather than on the parade grounds. It was a very colorful and impressive affair, with the U.S. Navy Band supplying the music. Full honors were given to retiring Rear Admiral C.A.E. Johnson, Jr., and to incoming Rear Admiral James W. Austin.

The mission of the Commander Naval Base Philadelphia is to coordinate the provision of support to Fleet units and other naval activities, and to command assigned Naval shore activities. Those assigned activities are Naval Station Philadelphia, Personnel Support Naval Station New York and Naval Base Detachment Boston. The Naval Reserve Naval Base Philadelphia Unit assists the Commander in performing these functions.

In 1980 the Fourth Naval District was disestablished, and the area coordination functions for naval activities throughout the 13 Northeastern states was assumed by the Commander Naval Base Philadelphia, an echelon three command reporting to the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. In late 1981, the Commander Naval Base became the regional coordinator for four states: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Delaware. Accordingly the Commander is responsible for such specific functions as disaster preparedness, the casualty assistance calls program, public affairs. In addition he is the officer exercising general court-martial jurisdiction for the region.

Commander Naval Base Philadelphia has two collateral duties: Commander Naval Base New York and Commander Naval Base Boston.

October 16, 1983, was present at the dedication of the Pennsylvania State Marker commemorating the Frigate, U.S.S. *United States*. The frigate was launched in Philadelphia, close to Penns Landing. Joshua Humphreys, ship builder, completed construction of this vessel on May 10, 1797, and she became the first vessel to be completed for the new United States Navy.

The U.S.S. *United States* became the flagship of Captain John Barry. In 1812 under the command of Captain Stephen Decatur, Jr., the frigate celebrated the capture of the H.M.S. *Macedonian*. Ultimately the U.S.S. *United States* met its fate at the hands of a scrap yard in Norfolk, Virginia in the year 1866.

Through the efforts of a private citizen, Mr. Edward Zimmerman, Jr. a plaque was installed at Penns Landing commemorating the U.S.S. *United States*. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum

Commission and the Philadelphia Veterans Advisory Commission held an unveiling and dedication ceremony. A reception in Admiral Dewey's quarters aboard the U.S.S. *Olympia* following the dedication.

November 11, 1983, United Veterans Council of Philadelphia conducted Veterans Day services at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolutionary War. A luncheon followed at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel.

April 17, 1984, conducted Sons of Spanish American War Veterans ritual services in memoriam for William H. Watson, a Past National President and member of Camp 102, in Audubon, New Jersey.

May 28, 1984, Memorial Day Services held on board Admiral Dewey's flagship U.S.S. *Olympia* at Penns Landing. Many veteran groups attended, music provided by the Police and Firemen's Band, USMC rendered the Salute and TAPS. Mayor Wilson Goode was on hand to lend his support as was Rear Admiral James W. Austin, Commander Naval Base Philadelphia.

June 14, 1983, Pennsylvania State Camp at the Patriotic Order Sons of America held a Flag Day observance at their Valley Forge Research and Service Center.

June 16 and 17, 1984, was present at the Department of Pennsylvania Encampment, USWV and affiliated units, held in Harrisburg, Pa.

The 1984 annual meeting of the VAVS National Advisory Committee will meet October 26, 27, and 28, 1984 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

It has been an honor to serve the United Spanish War Veterans during the 1983-84 administration. There is always a need for volunteers to assist the sick and disabled veterans at the V.A. Medical Center. We hope the younger generation will take a keener interest and see their way clear to volunteer their idle hands to this good cause.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR T. LOU,
National VAVS Representative.

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee

AUGUST 13, 1984.

Comrade S. LEROY MENDEL,
Commander in Chief, U.S.W.V.

Since the Budget and Finance Committee is no longer to hold meetings as required by Rules and Regulations as has been done in the past we are herewith submitting a report of the National Headquarters expenditures for the past fiscal year ending June 30, 1984 as compared with the budget which was approved by the 85th National Encampment, the amount expended and the amounts over and under the budget.

Sincerely in F.P. & H.

BEAULAH M. COPE,
Adjutant General.

BUDGET REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1983 TO JUNE 30, 1984 WITH TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1983–84, DISBURSEMENTS BY ITEM AND UNEXPENDED BALANCES

Item	Budget 1983–84	Disbursed	Unexpended	Over budget
1. Auditing Fee	$160	$160.00		
2. Taxes, payroll, Social Security	250	245.70	$4.30	
3. Unemployment compensation taxes	100	129.60		$29.60
4. Taxes, D.C. personal property	30	27.27	2.73	
5. Encampment expenses (general)	500	368.36	131.64	
6. Encampment expenses (veterans)	550	512.25	37.75	
7. Equipment maintenance	100	100.40		.40
8. Miscellaneous	150	172.57		22.57
9. Office supplies	75	58.93	16.07	
10. Office payroll	4,000	3,600.00	400.00	
11. Adjutant General's expenses	100	0	100.00	
12. Postage and shipping	250	238.50	11.50	
13. Printing and Stationery	175	142.41	32.59	
14. Telephone	275	255.21	19.79	
15. Sale supplies	50	72.00		22.00
16. Security bond	100	82.00	18.00	
Total	6,865	6,165.20	774.37	74.57
Unexpended total			699.80	

Note: Encampment expenses (Veterans) include transportation, food, room rent, if not provided by the hotel and some other necessary expenses.

1983–84 BUDGET WITH AMOUNTS EXPENDED, PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1984–85 AND CHANGES

Items	1983–84		1984–85	
	Budget	Amounts expended	Proposed budget	Changes
1. Auditing fee	$160	$160.00	$170	Increase $10.
2. Taxes, payroll, Social Security	250	245.70	250	No change.
3. Unemployment compensation taxes	100	129.60	140	Increase $40.
4. Taxes, D.C. personal property	30	27.27	30	No change.
5. Encampment expenses (general)	500	368.36	500	Do.
6. Encampment expenses (veterans)	550	512.25	550	Do.
7. Equipment maintenance	100	100.40	100	Do.
8. Miscellaneous	150	172.57	150	Do.
9. Office supplies	75	58.93	75	Do.
10. Office payroll	4,000	3,600.00	4,000	Do.
11. Adjutant General's expenses	100	0	100	Do.
12. Postage and shipping	250	238.50	250	Do.
13. Printing and stationery	175	142.41	150	Decrease $25
14. Telephone	275	255.21	300	Increase $25
15. Sale supplies	50	72.00	50	No change.
16. Security bond	100	82.00	100	Do.
Total	6,865	6,165.20	6,915	Increase $50

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DECEMBER 6, 1983

AMERICANISM

"Americanism is an unfailing love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

Having been elected Commander in Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans at the stated convention of the 85th National Encampment held in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, September 10th to 15th, 1983, I hereby assume command and respectfully recommend the following appointments. All appointments made by the previous administration and not renewed by this order are hereby relieved.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Chief of Staff—Wilmer R. Blackett, Nebraska, 7915 N. 30th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68112
  Aide to Chief of Staff—William Fischer, Iowa, 856—1st Street, Webster City, Iowa 50595
Adjutant General—Beulah M. Cope, P.N.F.C., Daughters, D.C. (Office) P.O. Box 1915, Washington, D.C. 20013 (Home) 1107 Lancaster Road, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912
Quartermaster General—Wilson L. Dawson, D.C., Florida, 319 North E Street, Lake Worth, Florida 33450
  Aide to Quartermaster General—Charles A. Holt, P.N.P., Sons, Pennsylvania, Valley View Trailer Park, Tuckerman Road, Reading, Pennsylvania 19605
Inspector General—Joseph M. Reese, D.C., Georgia, 2257 Lake Ranch Court, Gainesville, Georgia 30501
  Aide to Inspector General—A. Lee Harris, Sons, Florida, P.O. Box 50404, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250-0454
Judge Advocate General—Arnold J. Lapan, P.N.P., Sons, 3619 Waterway Drive, Hudson, Florida 33568 (Winter) 32 Hall Place, Exeter, New Hampshire 03833 (Summer)
Chaplain in Chief—Harry B. Embree, P.C.C., Kansas, 300 S. 24th Street, Independence, Kansas 67301
  Acting Chaplain in Chief—Lawrence B. Stretz, P.N.P., Sons, Maine, Box 27, Monson, Maine 04464
National Patriotic Instructor—Charles J. Helenbrock, New York, 354 Ashland Ave. Buffalo, New York 14222

Aide to National Patriotic Instructor—Ruth Syler, Daughters, Michigan, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, Michigan 48909

National Historian—Ralph W. Taylor, New York and Florida, 2911 W. Golf Blvd., Pompano Beach, Florida. 33064

Aide to National Historian—Catherine E. Stieger, P.N.P.C., Daughters, New York, 619 Bay Ridge Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11220

Provost Marshal—Joe T. Montgomery, D.C., Montana, Valle Vista Manor, 402 Summit Ave., Lewistown, Montana 59457

Aide to Provost Marshal—Arthur T. Lou, P.N.P., Sons, S.A.W.V., 6054 Augusta Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19149

COMMITTEES

National Executive Committee

S. Leroy Mendel, Commander in Chief, Chairman (Illinois), 114 Southwest 9th Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434
George F. Keiser, Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief (Illinois)
Robert E. Shakespeare, Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief (Michigan)
Arnold J. Lapan, Acting Commander in Chief (New Hampshire)
Harry B. Embree, Past Commander in Chief (Kansas)

National Committee on Legislation and its Administration

Harry B. Embree, P.C. in C., Chairman (Kansas), 300 S. 24th Street, Independence, Kansas 67301
Beulah M. Cope, Adjutant General, Secretary to Committee
H. Ruth Syler, Department Director (Michigan)
Walter D. Clisbee, P.N.P., Sons (Massachusetts)
Willis H. Liggitt, Sons, Acting Department Commander (Ohio)
Catherine E. Stieger, P.N.F.C., Daughters (New York)
William Fischer, Sons, Acting Department Commander (Iowa)

National Committee on Budget and Finance

George F. Keiser, Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Chairman (Illinois), 154-B Crossways Drive, Mid-Florida Lakes, Leesburg, Florida 32748
1-year—Charles J. Helenbrock, Member at Large, New York
2-years—Joseph M. Reese, Department Commander, Georgia
3-years—Wilson L. Dawson, Department Commander, Florida
4-years—Wilmer R. Blackett, Department Commander, Nebraska

National Publicity Chairman

Robert E. Shakespeare, P.N.P., Sons, Chairman, Box 236, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION—VOLUNTARY SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

Arthur T. Lou, P.N.P., Sons, National Representative, 6054 Augusta Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19149 and Walter D. Clisbee, P.N.P., Sons, National Deputy Representative, Trinity Village, 214 Grove Street, F-7, Brockton, Massachusetts 02402

National Headquarters

National Headquarters will be maintained at 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room B-35, Washington, D.C. 20420 in accordance with our Rules and Regulations. Since this is the Central Office of the Veterans Administration, please do not send mail to this address as delivery may be delayed. All mail should be addressed as follows: National Headquarters, United Spanish War Veterans, Inc., P.O. Box 1915, Washington, D.C. 20013. (Phone) Area code 202-347-1898.

Personal mail for the Commander in Chief, S. Leroy Mendel should be marked as personal and may be sent to National Headquarters for forwarding or addressed to his home at 114 Southwest 9th Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434.

Remittances

All checks, Money Orders, etc. should be made payable to "National Headquarters" United Spanish War Veterans in accordance with Rules and Regulations (Sec. 322). Please do not make them payable to an individual.

1982 Encampment Proceedings

The proceedings of the 84th National Encampment are now being printed and will be mailed to those entitled to receive a copy as soon as we receive them. More copies will be available to those requesting them.

86th National Encampment

The 86th National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans will be held in Dubuque, Iowa, Thursday, August 23 through Sunday, August 26, 1984 with Monday, August 27 the free day for sight seeing, shopping etc. Headquarters for all groups will be the Best Western Dubuque Inn. The 1983 convention delegates voted to try to shorten the length of the convention by one day and the schedule for the next encampment is being planned on this basis. The final schedule and committee appointments will be published in our next General Order.

Holiday Greetings

As Christmas approaches, our thoughts dwell with greater insistence on those we love. To make the journey of life more pleasant should be our aim. We can only have such happiness as we extend to others. Held together by the bands of friendship, devoted to the ideals of benevolence and patriotism, in the heart of every Spanish American War veteran in the greatest affection for his comrade. On behalf of the official staff, your Commander in Chief, extends Christmas greetings to all of you, wishing you all the joys of the Yuletide and health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

By order of:

S. LEROY MENDEL,
Commander in Chief.

TAPS

TO OUR DEPARTED COMRADES, WE PAUSE IN MEMORY

There is a link death cannot sever

Love and remembrance last forever

JOSEPH J. McNAMARA

PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1970–71

AT BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS, NOVEMBER 25, 1983

CLARENCE A. WILL

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1983–84

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, DECEMBER 4, 1983

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS (LAST KNOWN MEMBER)

George W. Lewis, Iowa, November 29, 1983
John F. Riggall, Michigan, November 14, 1983
James W. Mahaffey, South Carolina, August 9, 1983

FORMER MEMBERS

John A. Richardson, Florida, September 18, 1983
Pedar O. Pederson, Minnesota, November 16, 1983
George E. Webb, Ohio, October 2, 1983
William S. Amberson, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1983
John M. Lane, Tennessee, September 21, 1983

Let us cherish the memory of our departed comrades and all they meant to us.

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2
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JULY 1, 1984

AMERICANISM

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86TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The stated convention of the 86th National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans will be held in Dubuque, Iowa, August 23 to 26, 1984 with headquarters for all groups at the Dubuque Inn (Best Western), 3434 Dodge Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001. The Department of Iowa will be our host. We do hope that any of our comrades who are able will make a special effort to attend. Members of your families will also be very welcome.

SPECIAL CONVENTION ROOM RATES PER DAY

Single Room (one person)—$32.50 plus 4 percent sales and 5 percent room tax=$35.43.

Double Room (two persons)—$38.50 plus sales and room tax=$41.97.

Triple Room (three persons—2 beds)—$42.50 plus sales and room tax=$46.33.

Quad Room (four persons—2 beds)—$46.50 plus sales and room tax=$50.69.

Your National Headquarters has a supply of special reservation request cards which we will be pleased to send you if you will let us know how many you need. When making them out be sure to include the dates of your expected arrival and departure and send them to Dubuque Inn—Best Western. 3434 Dodge Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001.

Reservations are guaranteed after 4:00 p.m. only if a deposit of one night's room rate or your credit card number is sent with the reservation request. Deposit is refundable if cancellation is received 48 hours prior to indicated arrival. Check-in time is 2:00 p.m.—Check-out time is 12 noon. You can of course call the hotel (319) 556-7760 for reservations. Darlene Phillips is Front Desk Manager.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Any of our veterans who attend the National Encampment in Dubuque will be the guests of the organization for the following meals: Military Order of Rats (Sons & Daughters) Dinner on Thursday, August 23; The All-States Dinner on Friday, August 24 and the Daughters of '98 Breakfast on Saturday, August 25th. Since

Chairmen must notify the hotel 48 hours in advance as to number of reservations, we will appreciate it if you will notify National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1915, Washington, D.C. 20013 no later than August 16th if you plan to attend the convention and any or all of these activities.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Encampment Committee: Catherine E. Stieger, PNFC, General Chairman, William Fischer, City Chairman, Elaine Keiser, PNFC, Selma D. Strong, PNFC
Encampment Memorial Service: Lawrence B. Stretz, PNP, Chairman
Encampment Publicity: Robert E. Shakespeare, PNP, Chairman
Bus and Boat Tour: Vaughn Radabaugh, Chairman
Enactments: Arnold J. Lapan, PNP, Chairman
Resolutions: Ruth Syler, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS AND ENACTMENTS

Resolutions and enactments requiring action by the 86th National Encampment must be submitted in triplicate, typed if possible and forwarded to National Headquarters at least ten days prior to the date of the National Encampment.

TENTATIVE CONVENTION PROGRAM

All meetings and activities unless otherwise noted will be held in the Dubuque Inn.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1984

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Registration of Delegates—Lobby
10:00 a.m.—Meeting National Convention Committees and Hotel Staff—The Town Clock Room
9:30 p.m.—Reception for National Officers, U.S.W.V. and Auxiliary—Cable Car and Sundown Rooms

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1984

9:00 a.m.—Joint Session and Memorial Service, all affiliated organizations—The Shot Tower and Town Clock Rooms
2:00 p.m.—National Council of Administration—Cable Car Room
6:30 p.m.—All-States Dinner and Presentation of Colors—The Shot Tower and Town Clock Rooms

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1984

9:30 a.m.—First Business Session—Cable Car Room
2:00 p.m.—2nd Business Session—Cable Car Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1984

10:30 a.m.—Final Business Session (Installation of Officers)—Cable Car Room

BUS AND BOAT TRIP

A combination bus and boat trip is scheduled for Monday, August 27, 1984 with the total cost being $16.00. This price includes a chicken lunch/dinner aboard the Mississippi River boat Spirit of Dubuque, a double deck excursion paddle wheeler. The tour bus will leave the Dubuque Inn at 9:00 a.m. and return to the hotel around 2:00 p.m. The bus will take the delegates to scenic and historic points of interest in and around Dubuque including a stop at the Fred W. Woodward Museum and the sidewheeler William M. Block (Admission fee extra). Requests with checks should be sent to Vaughn Radabaugh, tour chairman, at 623 W. 8th Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001, by August 15. Tickets may be picked up in the hotel lobby on Thursday.

CONVENTION FUNCTIONS

These activities require that tickets be purchased in advance since the chairmen must give the hotel an accurate guarantee on how many persons must be served. We are listing them by date and name, name and address of chairman, menu, and then price. All prices include tax and gratuity. Please make your reservations no later than August 15th.

Thursday, August 23—6:30 p.m.: Past National Presidents Dinner, Club President Dr. Virginia Lee Johnson, 3098 Kingsgate Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. 38118. Breast of Chicken Supreme—Price $10.00.

Thursday, August 23—6:30 p.m. Sons and Daughters "MOR" (Rats) Dinner. Theme "Hold on to Summer." Tickets Robert E. Shakespeare, P.O. Box 236, Big Rapids, Michigan. Baked Chicken and Roast Beef, family style—Price $9.75.

Friday, August 24—12:00 Noon. Past National Presidents (Sons) Luncheon. Mr. Edmond R. Ryan, Chairman, 16 Elmdale St., West Springfield, Mass. 01089—Price $6.50.

Saturday, August 25—7:00 a.m. Daughters of '98 breakfast. Miss Edith Fischer, Chairman, 1116 Elm Street, Webster City, Iowa 50595—Price $5.00.

Saturday, August 25—12:00 noon. Past Auxiliary Presidents Luncheon, Mrs. Verna W. Rickert, Chairman, 1303 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington D.C. 20002. Roast sirloin of beef—Price $6.50.

Saturday, August 25—6.30 p.m. Past Department Presidents Dinner. Theme "An old fashioned Barn Dance." Mrs. Claire Leinhang, Chairman, 615 Clare Court, New Orleans, La. 70124. Ham Steak Hawaiian—Price $10.00.

Friday, August 24—6:30 p.m. All-States Dinner, Miss Elizabeth Cahill, Chairman, 1117 Second Street, South Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250. Breast of Chicken Supreme—Price $10.00.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

We have received the following contributions for the Special Memorial Fund since our last General Order. The generosity of our friends is very much appreciated and we do thank you very sincerely.

Contributor	*Amount*
Selma D. Strong, PNFC, Wisconsin in memory of Selma, Mendel	$10.00
Alice Albrecht, PNF, Glendale, N.Y., in memory of her parents, Alfred and Marie Albrecht	15.00
Schenectady Council of Veterans Organizations, James A. Wilson, President	25.00
Department of Kentucky, Virginia Morton, Adjutant	8.00
Total	58.00

TAPS

National Headquarters regrets to announce the death of the following. We pause in memory of our departed comrades.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS (Last Member)

Joseph M. Reese, Georgia, June 23, 1984
Joe T. Montgomery, Montana, February 26, 1984
Wilmer R. Blackett, Nebraska, March 5, 1984
Frank Lechleidner, Oregon, January 20, 1984

MEMBERS

Will W. Cook, Washington/Alaska, Camp #2, February 12, 1984
George M. McPherson, Member at Large, Georgia, February 21, 1984

FORMER MEMBERS

Samuel Coleman, Arkansas, April 6, 1984
Walter E. Neubauer, Florida, January 21, 1984
James R. Young, Ohio Camp #112, May 15, 1984
Victor Perez, Puerto Rico Camp #1, May 4, 1984

Let us cherish the memory of our departed comrades for all they have meant to us throughout these many, many years.

Somewhere back of the sunset,
Where loveliness never dies;
They live in a land of Glory
With the blue and the gold of the skies,
And we who have known and loved them,
Whose passing has brought us tears;
Shall cherish their memory always
To brighten the passing years.

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AUGUST 26, 1984

AMERICANISM

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OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected at the stated convention of the 86th National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans held in Dubuque, Iowa, August 23 to 26, 1984 and were installed by Arnold J. Lapan and Robert E. Shakespeare, Past National Presidents, Sons, Spanish American War Veterans.

Commander in Chief—S. Leroy Mendel, Illinois, 114 South 9th Avenue, Galva, Illinois, 61434

Senior Vice Commander in Chief—Harry B. Embree, Kansas, 300 S. 24th Street, Lot 8, Independence, Kansas 67301

Junior Vice Commander in Chief—Ralph W. Taylor, New York, 2911 W. Golf Boulevard, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064

ACTING OFFICERS

By unanimous vote of the 86th Encampment, the appointments of the following additional officers were approved. They will serve when the elected officer is unable to perform the duties of the office.

Acting Commander in Chief—Arnold J. Lapan, P.N.P., Sons, 3619 Waterway Drive, Hudson, Florida 33568

Acting Senior Vice Commander in Chief—Robert E. Shakespeare, P.N.P., Sons, Box 236, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307

Acting Junior Vice Commander in Chief—Catherine E. Stieger, P.N.F.C., Daughters, 619 Bay Ridge Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11220

ACTING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Lawrence B. Stretz, P.N.P., Sons was elected to the Council vice George F. Keiser, deceased.

87TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Cleveland, Ohio was selected for the site of our 87th National Encampment by the majority of the delegates. The date and the name of the headquarters hotel will be announced in a later Order.

MEMBERSHIP

As of August 1984 the Veterans Administration reported a total of 22 Spanish American War Veterans on the pension rolls. At the same time there were 6,891 widows and 884 children of Spanish American War Veterans on the rolls. This represented a loss of 20 veterans, 1,117 widows and 50 children during the past year. Twelve of the 22 veterans are members of our organization.

DISBANDED CAMPS

We regret to announce the following Camps have been disbanded due to the death of the last member.
California: Palomar Camp No. 141, Oceanside, July 12, 1984
Nebraska: Lee Forby Camp No. 1, Omaha, August 8, 1984
Oregon: Scout Young Camp No. 2, Portland, August 8, 1984
South Carolina: William J. Nealy Camp No. 19, Rock Hill, August 8, 1984
Washington and Alaska: Fortsen-Thygesen Camp No. 2, Seattle, August 8, 1984.

DISBANDED DEPARTMENTS

Due to the death of the last member the following departments have been disbanded: Department of Georgia by Special Order No. 2, June 25, 1984; Department of Nebraska by Special Order No. 10, August 8, 1984; Department of Oregon by Special Order No. 7, August 8, 1984 and Department of South Carolina by Special Order No. 4, August 8, 1984.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL FUND

Your Commander in Chief and all of his staff wish to thank each one of our comrades, Auxiliary Sisters, Daughters, Sons and friends who have contributed so generously to our Special Memorial Fund during the past year. Every little bit helps. We hope to carry on the United Spanish War Veterans to the last man and the contributions we receive will certainly help us to attain that goal.

By order of:

S. LEROY MENDEL,
Commander in Chief.

Official:
BEULAH M. COPE,
Adjutant General.

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Report of the Committee on Resolutions

86TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DUBUQUE, IOWA

AUGUST 23-27, 1984

The following resolution was unanimously approved:

Whereas the United Spanish War Veterans and their affiliated organizations have been graciously received and entertained with true friendship and comradeship by the city of Dubuque, Iowa and the Encampment Committees with Catherine E. Stieger, P.N.F.C., Daughters, General Chairman, William C. Fischer, Sons, City Chairman, Evelyn Fischer, P.N.P., Auxliary Convention Chairman, Vaughn Radabaugh, D.P., Auxiliary Convention City Chairman, Betty Jungk, Assistant Chairman, Robert E. Shakespeare, P.N.P., Sons, Convention Chairman, Nan Thomas, F.C., Daughters Convention Chairman and Edith V. Clisbee, Chairman, Military Order of Lizards for the 86th National Encampment which has been very enjoyable and profitable to our organization through the careful and intelligent planning and preparation of all of the committees, and

Whereas we have been given wonderful accommodations and a friendly welcome by the employees and staff of the Best Western Dubuque Inn and we wish to express our appreciation to Barbara E. Filer, Sales and Marketing Manager, Marcia (Micki) Stewart, Food and Beverage Manager and Sally Long, Restaurant Manager; also to the Convention and Visitor's Division, Dubuque Area, Chamber of Commerce and Thomas F. Filer, manager, for his many services, local information and help with our registration, and

Whereas Vaughn Radabaugh, Auxiliary City Chairman assisted by her son and daughter in law arranged for two extra sightseeing tours for those arriving early and those staying over, to visit Dickeyville and Galena in addition to a most enjoyable boat trip and luncheon on the Mississippi and also arranged for enjoyable entertainment following all three of our major dinners by the "Hot Shots", "The Cloggers" and the "Singing Sheriff" and his two sons all of whom were most generous with their numbers, and

Whereas Robert E. Shakespeare as Publicity Chairman has arranged exceptional media coverage for our organization; William J. Morris, Chicago, Sons, S.A.W.V. designed and printed our very fine program; William Wendt, Wartburg Theological Seminary gave us a very inspiring memorial address at the Joint Memorial Service; Dan McCurry, News Editor, Stars and Stripes—The National Tribune made a special trip from Washington, addressed each of the affiliate groups and arranged for copies of the current issue to be distributed to all persons attending the convention; and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cromien, Galva, Illinois and Jimmy Embree, Saratoga, California took time off from their work schedules to provide motor transportation for our two comrades, S. Leroy Mendel and Harry B. Embree from their respective homes in Illinois and Kansas, and

Whereas many public officials and citizens have been most generous in the interest shown in our activities; we wish to express our thanks: to Tom Beurskins, representing the Honorable Jum Brady, Mayor of the city of Dubuque at the Joint Opening Session and Norman Bauer, Director, Veterans Administration Regional Office, Des Moines; representing the Honorable Harry N. Walters, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; our thanks to veterans' organization representatives: Donald E. Rudolph, National Secretary-Treasurer, Congressional Medal of Honor Society; Al MacNaughton, Adjutant, Iowa Veterans Home, Marshalltown; Ronald Brown, N.E. Commandant, Department of Iowa, Marine Corps League; Earl Kelly, the Grand Chef de Tran, The Grant Voiture du Iowa, Forty and Eight; Bill Huebner, Vice Commander, Department of Iowa, The American Legion; Shirley Erikson, Department Commander, Iowa, AMVETS: John Baumhover, 95th District Commander, Department of Iowa, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Nick Lucy, Commander, Post No. 6, American Legion, Dubuque for their greetings, and

Whereas we wish to express our appreciation and thanks to all who had a part in making our convention's many activities the success they were and wish space permitted mentioning each person who had a part, Now therefore be it

Resolved by the 86th National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans in convention assembled at Dubuque, Iowa, August 23 to 27, 1984 that we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the friendly reception and excellent entertainment we have received during our stay in this fine city, which we shall always remember and treasure.

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